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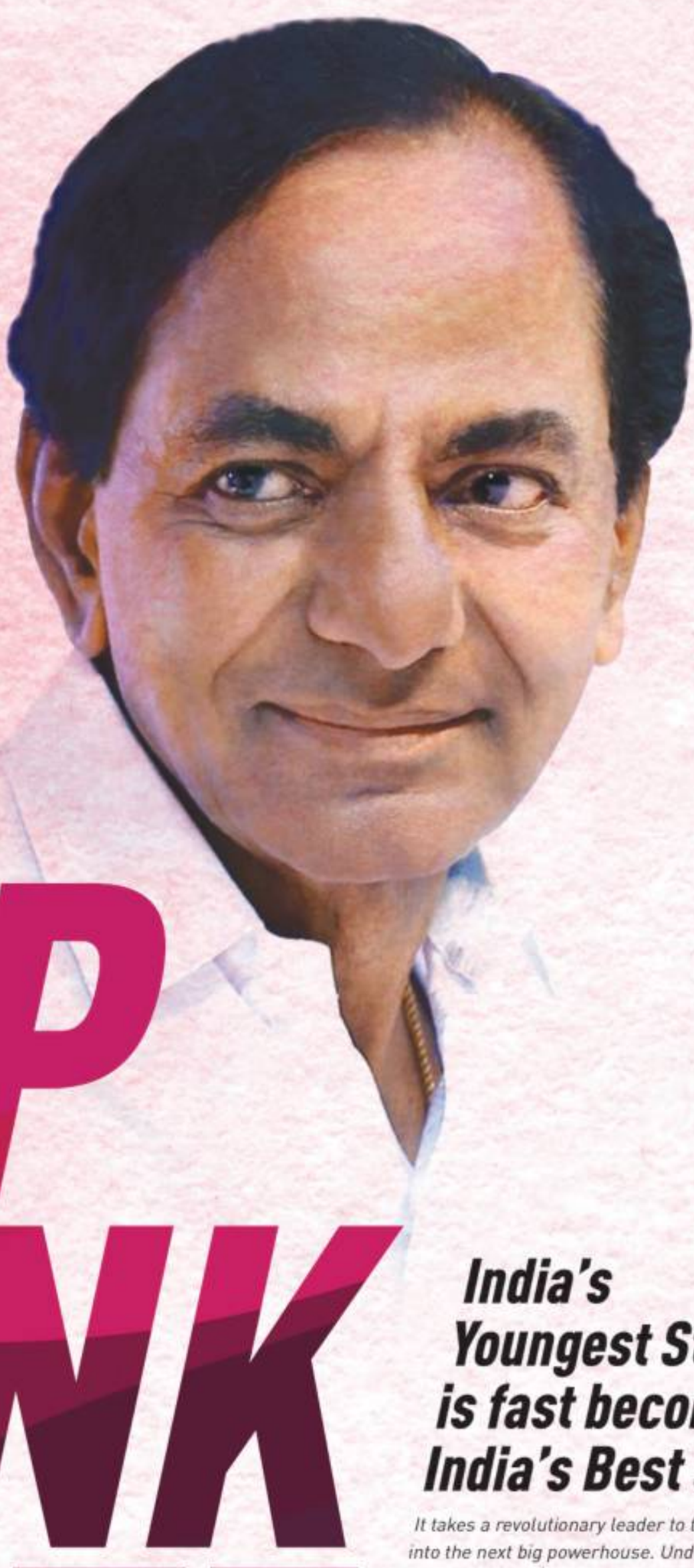

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NEARBY

Auction of corner sites in Arkavathi Layout stayed

BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has stayed auction of corner sites in Arkavathi Layout while observing that the BDA "cannot act as a private real estate company to maximise the profit" by auctioning corner sites ignoring the plight of allottees, who were deprived of allotted sites due to BDA's fault.

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Cong., JD(S) play secular card on each other

BENGALURU

As the race for the fourth Rajya Sabha seat gets intense with candidates of all the three parties in the fray, both Congress and JD(S) are now using secularism card to "convince" each other to withdraw from the race to enable the defeat of the BJP candidate.

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Textbook: 'Decision after Nagesh submits report'

MANGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh is expected to submit his report on the textbook review process on Thursday and a decision on the review will be taken thereafter.

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GST collections jumped 44% to almost ₹1.41 lakh crore in May

Indirect tax take was higher than in May 2021, but 15.9% below April's record kitty

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

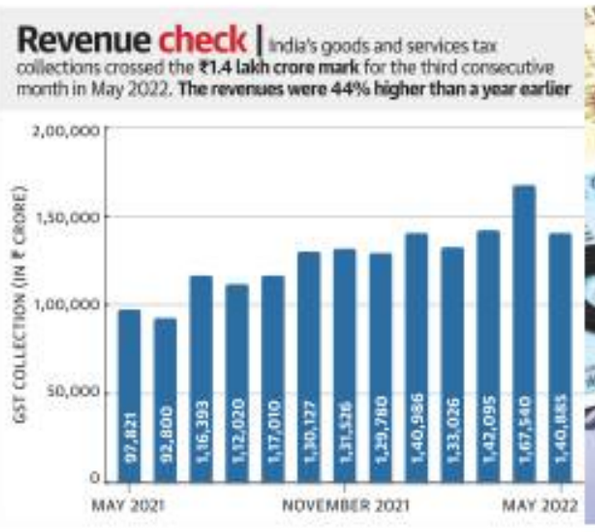
Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues in May rose 44% from a year earlier to ₹1,40,885 crore, with receipts from domestic transactions and services imports rising at a matching pace, while goods imports yielded 43% higher taxes.

"This is only the fourth time the monthly GST collection crossed ₹1.4 lakh crore mark since the inception of GST and the third month at a stretch since March 2022," the Finance Ministry said.

Explaining the month-on-month dip in GST revenues from April's record ₹1.67 lakh crore, the Ministry said the receipts in May were for transactions undertaken in April, and had 'always been lesser' than April's GST revenues. GST collections in April reflected the returns filed in March, pertaining to the financial year closing, the Ministry noted.

"However, it is encouraging to see that even in the month of May 2022, the gross GST revenues have crossed the ₹1.4 lakh crore mark. Total number of e-way bills generated in... April 2022 was 7.4 crore, which is 4% lesser than 7.7 crore e-way bills generated in the month of March 2022," the Ministry said in a statement.

Revenue check | India's goods and services tax collections crossed the **₹1.4 lakh crore mark** for the third consecutive month in May 2022. **The revenues were 44% higher than a year earlier**



April's figure was higher than May, as it included taxpayers filing their quarterly-based taxes as well, explained Mahesh Jaising, partner and leader (Indirect Tax) at Deloitte India.

Revenue growth from domestic transactions, including imports of services, outpaced revenues from goods imports after several months in May. In April, for instance, revenues from domestic transactions rose 17%, while goods imports yielded a 30% uptick.

Of the total revenue in May, Central GST collections were ₹25,036 crore, State GST ₹32,001 crore, and Integrated GST ₹73,345 crore, which included ₹37,469 crore from import of goods.

GST Compensation Cess inflows, used to recompense States, amounted to ₹10,502 crore, including ₹931 crore from goods import. This was only marginally lower than April's ₹10,649 crore figure.

While the sequential dip in May's GST inflows was expected, the high year-on-year growth reflects the low base from the second COVID-19 wave, pointed out Aditi Nayar, chief economist at rating agency ICRA.

'Tax cushion'

"A sustained healthy momentum of activity in the absence of another COVID breakout and major disruptions, could help central GST inflows exceed Budget estimates by ₹1.15 lakh crore and help absorb a part of the Centre's higher subsidy bill," she concluded.

Revenue growth was buoyant across most States. As many as 20 States and Union Territories saw revenues rise faster than the 44% national average, including the major industrial States of Karnataka (60%), Maharashtra (50%) and Gujarat (46%).

Among southern States, Tamil Nadu's collections grew 41%, while Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Telangana saw growth of 47%, 80% and 33%, respectively.

Caste-based census to be held in Bihar

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

A multi-party meeting held in Bihar on Wednesday unanimously decided to start the caste-based census very soon.

All parties which have representation in the legislature attended the meeting, chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Three parties – the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) led by Mukesh Sahani, the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) led by Chirag Paswan and his estranged uncle Pashupati Kumar Paras-led Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party – were not invited for the meeting as they have no representation in the legislature.

"It was unanimously decided to conduct caste-based census and it will be done very soon after the proposal was placed in the Cabinet. Proper training of those involved in such a mega exercise too will be given," Mr. Kumar told presspersons. The Chief Minister said it would be a "time-bound exercise and each and every detail of caste, sub-castes, community and religion will be taken care of for the development of all people". He said the "census report will be published so that no one is left out and media too will be briefed about it from time to time".

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Reaching out: Sonia Gandhi at the party's 'Azadi Gaurav Yatra' in New Delhi on Wednesday. • SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

ED summons Sonia, Rahul for questioning

Move reeks of vendetta, says Congress

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI/BHOPAL

As the Enforcement Directorate (ED) summoned Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former party chief Rahul Gandhi for questioning in a money laundering case involving the *National Herald* newspaper, the Congress on Wednesday alleged that the summons reeked of "vendetta, pettiness and cheap politics".

While Ms. Gandhi, 75, has been asked to appear before the agency on June 8, the former Congress chief has been asked to depose on Thursday. Mr. Gandhi, 51, is likely to seek time from the agency as he is out of the country and is likely to return only by June 5.

The ED summons is said to have been served on the Gandhis a few days earlier, but the Congress went public about it only on Wednesday.

"The honourable Congress president will definitely go and Rahul*ji* will go if he is here, or else, will seek time for a fresh date," Congress spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi, along with chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala, said at a press conference.

"This is truly a very weird case, an alleged money laundering case on which summons are issued with no money involved," Mr. Singhvi added

Hitting back at the Congress, BJP president J.P. Nadda told presspersons in Bhopal, "Does a criminal ever say that he is dishonest. Even when they spend 10-20 years in jail, they keep saying they have been framed."

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Pre-monsoon rainfall 105% above normal this year

Rainfall received between March 1 and May 31 is the highest in 51 years

K.C. DEEPIKA
BENGALURU

As the southwest monsoon made its entry into Karnataka on Tuesday, the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority's (KSDMA) data revealed that the pre-monsoon showers were 105% above normal.

Marked by high-intensity rainfall in short periods of time for the most part, the pre-monsoon rain had wreaked havoc in many parts of the State, causing flooding and loss of lives, infrastructure and standing crops.

The KSDMA data show that the departure from normal (1960-2010) for rainfall received between March 1 and May 31 this year is far higher than that in recent years; in 2021, the pre-monsoon rainfall was 44% above normal, and in 2020, 3% above normal rainfall.

The State as a whole received 237 mm rainfall for this period, which, the authority said, is the highest in 51 years (since 1971).

Excess rainfall

As many as 27 districts recorded large excess rainfall, three excess rainfall, and one district recorded normal rainfall (Bidar).

Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, KSDMA said Karnataka's normal annual rainfall is 1,153 mm; the southwest monsoon brings in 74%, 16% is received during the northeast monsoon and 10% during pre-monsoon.

As the southwest monsoon arrives, having recorded large departures from normal in recent years, Dr. Rajan said the variability of southwest monsoon rainfall has also increased significantly since 1960.

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I-T raids on Embassy Group

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Income Tax Department sleuths conducted simultaneous raids at over 30 locations linked to real estate major Embassy Group in Bengaluru, Gurugram, and Mumbai, on Wednesday.

The raids reportedly come in the backdrop of the proposed merger of Indiabulls Real Estate and Embassy Group, which is in its final stages. If it goes through, the resulting entity will become one of the largest listed real estate firms in the country, industry sources said.

Income Tax officials launched simultaneous search and seizure operations across three metro cities in the morning and covered the residences of directors of Embassy Group - chairman and managing director Jitu Virwani and director Narpat Singh Choraria in Bengaluru, and eight corporate offices belonging to the group in Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Gurugram, sources said. Offices of several other firms associated with the two real estate majors were also searched.

I-T officials of the Karnataka and Goa circle, who led the search and seizure operations, did not respond to any queries on the raids.

Embassy Group termed the tax raids "a routine income tax inquiry". "Embassy Group has always acted and will continue to act in accordance with the provisions of all applicable laws and regulations while maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance. We have extended our complete compliance to the relevant authorities. We would like to assure our stakeholders that business continues as usual," the group said in a statement.

Panic-stricken Pandit staffers firm on relocation from Valley

J&K administration grapples with security concerns

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir administration and Kashmiri Pandits engaged in a face-off on Wednesday, as the security forces disallowed street protests and stopped panic-stricken Pandit employees, recruited under the Prime Minister's Rehabilitation Package since 2008, from leaving the Valley.

More than 4,000 Pandit employees have threatened to leave the Valley by Thursday morning. They have decided to go on mass migration, announced by their leaders, from various transit camps spread across the Valley.

"No Pandit employee was allowed to leave their locations by the police on Tuesday," a Pandit employee, living in the Indira Nagar locality of Srinagar, said.

Kashmir has been witnessing daily protests by Pandits ever since Rahul Bhat, a government employee, was killed on May 12 inside his office at Chadoora in Budgam. "Many of our neighbours living in the transit camps are in a deep cycle of depression because of Bhat's killing. We see a bleak future for our children in Kashmir. The latest killing of the schoolteacher, Rajni Bala, has further disturbed us mentally," a protesting employee said in Srinagar.

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Grief-stricken: Family members of government teacher Rajni Bala mourning at her funeral in Samba on Wednesday. • PTI

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Shooting up

77 In ₹, the retail prices of tomatoes in metro cities, barring Delhi, on Wednesday. The retail price of tomatoes shot up to ₹77 per kg in Kolkata on June 1 from ₹25 per kg on April 30. In Mumbai too, retail tomato price rose to ₹74 per kg on June 1, while in Chennai it rose to ₹62 per kg. Retail prices of tomatoes were more than ₹100 per kg in four cities - Port Blair, Shillong, Kottayam, Pathanamthitta. The rise in prices is likely due to tight supply from growing States like Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. PTI

Price cut

1.3 The % by which aviation turbine fuel prices were reduced. This is the first reduction after 10 rounds of price hikes, due to softening international crude oil rates. Jet fuel rates were hiked by ₹6,188.25 per kl, or 5.29%, on May 16, to a record high level of ₹1,23,039.71 per kl. Simultaneously, prices of commercial LPG - used by business establishments such as hotels and restaurants - were reduced by ₹135 per 19 kg cylinder. Prior to the cut, rates of commercial LPG had risen by ₹355.5 per cylinder this year. PTI

Women in government

13 The number of women, including the first female Muslim, who were sworn in as Ministers in Australia's new government. Of the 30 Ministers appointed to the new government, nearly half are women, a record high. Women also hold a record 10 spots out of 23 in core Cabinet roles. The ceremony conducted by Governor-General David Hurley in the capital, Canberra, came 11 days after new Prime Minister Anthony Albanese led the center-left Labour Party to an election victory over the incumbent conservatives. AP

Fuel hikes

40 The percentage by which fuel prices in South Africa were costlier than a year ago. South Africa saw gas prices go above 24 rand ($1.50) per litre, more than $5.80 per gallon. Diesel prices also went up. The fuel price increase is the latest addition to South Africa's economic woes, which include a 34.5% unemployment rate and an economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic resulted in the loss of almost two million jobs. Fuel prices have also risen in neighbouring Zimbabwe where the annual inflation rate rose to 66%. AP

Tax revenues

44 The % by which GST revenues rose in May compared to a year earlier. Although in May, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues came in lower than the record high collection in April at ₹1.68 lakh crore and ₹1.42 lakh crore in March, it is still the fourth highest collection since the rollout of the new indirect tax regime on July 1, 2017. The total number of e-way bills generated in the month of April 2022 was 7.4 crore, which is 4% less than 7.7 crore e-way bills generated in the month of March 2022. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The European Union's ban on Russian oil

Why is the EU planning to phase out its dependence on Russian crude oil? Will this round of sanctions be the final nail in the coffin for Russia?

THE GIST

- The EU on May 30 reached an agreement to ban 90% of Russian crude oil imports by the end of the year. The partial embargo exempts pipeline oil in order to bypass Hungary's objections to the ban.
- The exemption for pipeline imports was made on the logic that landlocked countries (Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia) that are heavily dependent on Russian pipeline oil do not have a ready option to switch to alternative sources in the absence of ports.
- The announcement of the EU ban caused an immediate surge in oil prices. In this context, with Russia reportedly offering discounts of $30-35 per barrel, India has found it convenient to make the most of the cheap Russian crude.

SAMPATH G.

The story so far: As part of the sixth package of sanctions since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the European Union member states on May 30 reached an agreement to ban 90% of Russian crude oil imports by the end of the year. The partial embargo, worked out following extended negotiations in Brussels, exempts pipeline oil in order to bypass Hungary's objections to the ban.

What was the original proposal of the oil embargo?
The proposal to completely phase out Russian crude and refined products from EU territory within a time frame of six to eight months was first mooted by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in early May. Addressing European lawmakers, she sought a "complete import ban on all Russian oil, seaborne and pipeline crude and refined." It needed the agreement of all the 27 EU member states in order to be implemented.

What was the rationale behind such a move?
The Russian economy is heavily dependent on energy exports, with the EU paying billions of dollars every month to Russia for its crude and refined products. The EU wants to block this massive revenue inflow which, as repeatedly pointed out by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, is akin to Europeans bankrolling Russia's war. The EU has been attempting, ever since the Ukraine invasion, to build consensus on ways to hurt Russia economically so that it is forced to roll back its military offensive. The most obvious route was to stop buying Russian energy, which isn't easy given European households' dependence on Russian oil and gas.

However, in the context of two long term EU objectives – reducing fossil fuel dependence in favour of renewables, and eliminating dependence on Russian energy for greater strategic autonomy and energy security – member states agreed to make a start by phasing out Russian oil.

What are the terms of the 'compromise deal' that has been agreed upon?
The main departure from the original proposal is the "temporary exemption" from the oil embargo for countries that import Russian crude via pipeline. In other words, EU leaders have, in principle, agreed to ban all seaborne imports of Russian crude, which account for two-thirds of EU's oil imports from Russia. However, with Germany and Poland pledging to phase out even their pipeline imports from Russia by the end of the year, the embargo would eliminate 90% of Russian oil imports. The remaining 10% that's been allowed represents a free pass for Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Bulgaria to continue imports via the Druzhba pipeline, the world's largest oil pipeline network. Additionally, Hungary has obtained a guarantee that it could even import seaborne Russian oil in case of a disruption to their pipeline supplies.

This was deemed a legitimate concession since the pipelines do pass through the war zone in Ukraine.

Why was exemption given for pipeline imports?
The exemption for pipeline imports – essentially at the behest of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban – was made on the logic that landlocked countries (Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia) that are heavily dependent on Russian pipeline oil do not have a ready option to switch to alternative sources in the absence of ports. While Hungary imports 65% of its oil via pipeline from Russia, 50% of the Czech Republic's oil imports are Russian, while Slovakia gets 100% of its oil from Russia. Bulgaria, which gets 60% of its oil from Russia, is not landlocked. But its refineries at present are only equipped to process Russian crude.

Until it invests in infrastructure to be able to process non-Russian crude delivered to its ports, it wants to be able to continue importing Russian oil via pipeline and has accordingly claimed the exemption.

Do the exemptions dilute the embargo?
EU leaders have countered this criticism by pointing out that even a partial (90%) embargo on Russian oil represents tremendous progress in terms of weaning EU off Russian oil – something that was unthinkable even a few months ago given the magnitude of Europe's dependence on Russian energy imports.

Secondly, they have reiterated that even the exemption for pipeline imports is not permanent and will be revisited soon. However, no timeline has been specified for a total ban on pipeline imports.

Are there other elements in the sixth package of sanctions?
Apart from the oil embargo, the sixth package of sanctions also contains other tough measures against Russia. These include cutting off Sberbank, Russia's largest bank that holds one-third of Russian banking assets, from the SWIFT messaging system; a ban on three Russian-owned broadcasting networks from the EU; sanctions on individuals responsible for war crimes in Ukraine; and a ban on EU-based firms offering insurance, financing, brokering or any other technical services related to the transport of oil to Russian ships – a measure aimed at curbing Russia's ability to divert its oil to non-EU destinations.

How will the sanctions affect Russia?
Analysts calculate that a two-thirds cut in Europe's imports of Russian oil would mean a reduction of 1.2-1.5 million barrels a day in oil, and one million barrels in refined products, which might cause Russia an annual loss in revenue of $10 billion. Given Russia's limited storage infrastructure, the cutback in demand would force Russia to find other markets. Since that won't be easy, Russia might have to cut production by 20-30%, say industry experts. So far, Asian importers, especially India, have absorbed some of the excess inventory at discounted prices. But it remains unclear if the embargo would have any impact on Russian military operations in Ukraine.

How will the sanctions affect Europe?
It is likely to further fuel inflation in Europe, where many countries are already facing a cost-of-living crisis. EU leaders have tried to balance contradictory pressures – of having to take decisive action against a military aggressor on European soil, but without causing too much pain to its citizens. But European lifestyles have tended to take cheap Russian energy for granted, and if inflation peaks further, the EU runs the risk of losing public support for harsh sanctions.

What about import of Russian gas?
Compared to Russian oil, Europe's dependence on Russian gas is much greater, and this embargo leaves the import of Russian gas – which accounts of 40% of Europe's natural gas imports – untouched. In other words, Europe will continue to pay Russia for gas imports. But since crude is more expensive than natural gas, the oil ban is expected to hurt Russian revenues.

How has India responded to these developments?
India ramped up purchases of Russian crude at discounted prices in the months following the Russian invasion, and this policy is expected to continue. The announcement of the EU ban caused an immediate surge in oil prices, and as Europe seeks alternate sources - from West Asia, Africa and elsewhere – for its oil needs, prices are expected to stay high. In this context, with Russia reportedly offering discounts of $30-35 per barrel, India has found it convenient to make the most of the cheap Russian crude on offer.

EXPLAINER

Understanding gun control legislation of different countries

Why did Canada recently amend its gun control policies? What are the laws governing firearms in India?

THE GIST

- In 2020, the U.S. had witnessed 24,576 homicides, of which approximately 79%, or 19,384 incidents, involved the use of a firearm.
- The Second Amendment of the U.S. constitution, which states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed", is often attributed as the root cause of all firearm-related violence.
- Indian laws are particularly elaborate in dealing with sale and unlawful trade of weapons. It also enlists specific provisions on curtailing the use of licensed weapons to ensure social harmony.

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: The U.S. recently witnessed two episodes of mass shootings in a span of 11 days that killed more than 30 people including elementary school children. In 2020, it had witnessed 24,576 homicides, of which approximately 79%, or 19,384 incidents, involved the use of a firearm.

What do gun laws in the U.S. say?
The Second Amendment of the U.S. constitution, which states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed", is often attributed as the root cause of all firearm-related violence. The U.S. Supreme Court previously held that the amendment protects the right to "keep and bear arms" for self-defence, while federal courts argue of a potential infringement if federal, state and local firearm regulations circumvent this right.

How are Arms regulated in Canada?
Canada introduced legislation to amend its Firearms Act on Monday. It is proposing to institute a 'national freeze' on handguns – preventing sale, purchase, transfer and import of

handguns into Canada. The legislation is of particular significance because handguns were used in 49% of all firearm-related homicides in 2020. Possessing a fully-automatic weapon, unless registered before 1978, is illegal in Canada. Gun licences are valid for five years and accorded to individuals at least 18 years of age upon completing the Canadian Firearms Safety Course. Vetting is undertaken to ensure that applicants do not have a history of violence, are suffering from mental illnesses or were previously barred from the process. The proposed legislation would revoke licences from holders deemed to be a danger to themselves or others. (by means of partner violence, gender-based violence, among others). It is mandatory for individuals and businesses to update records before transferring ownership of non-restricted items. In 2020, firearm-related homicides constituted 39% of all homicides in the country.

How do gun laws work in Japan?
Acquiring a gun in Japan is particularly difficult – one has to present a series of documents, establish their 'needs', undertake an approximately month-long training on handling and safety, pass a scrutiny of criminal records and medical health, and then an exam to prove eligibility. Buying a weapon too requires a separate certification (from the dealer) mentioning the desired model.

Applicants must be 18 years, not suffering from mental illnesses, not having a license revoked less than five years ago, not dependent on alcohol or narcotic substances, and have a fixed residence.

Any violation is punishable with an imprisonment for a period up to three years, which could extend up to five years or more along with a fine of 10 million yen if done for "purpose of profit". The Council on Foreign Relation states that "some analysts link Japan's aversion to firearms with its demilitarisation in the aftermath of World War II. Others say that because the overall crime rate in the country is so low, most Japanese see no need for firearms".

How is it in New Zealand?
The turnaround in gun-law legislation in the country came in 2019 following the mass shootings that took place at two mosques in Christchurch.

The legislation now requires firearms dealers to provide licence numbers of all its employees at a facility, including those not directly involved in handling any arms but having access to the premises.

It is now also mandatory for all weaponry to have an identification number. In case a dealer receives an item without the same, they are required to have them stamped or engraved within 30 days of receipt. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and undertake training in handling and storing firearms, and pass an exam. The vetting process requires the applicant to furnish contact details of known people to ascertain that she/he is a 'fit and proper person'. In addition, if an applicant has resided overseas for six months or more in the past 10 years, she/he would have to provision a criminal history check from each country.

What about India?
Gun licence applicants in India must be at least 21 years and not convicted of any offence involving violence, of 'unsound mind' or a threat to public safety and peace. Upon receiving an application, the licensing authority (i.e., the Home Ministry), asks the officer in-charge of the nearest police station to submit a report about the applicant after thorough vetting.

The Arms Act amended in 2019 reduces the number of firearms that an individual can procure from three to two.

Indian laws are particularly elaborate in dealing with sale and unlawful trade of weapons. It also enlists specific provisions on curtailing the use of licensed weapons to ensure social harmony. No entity is permitted to sell or transfer any firearm which does not bear the name of the maker, manufacturer's number or any other visible or stamped identification mark. Any act of conversion (such as shortening the barrel of a firearm or converting an imitation firearm into a firearm) or unlawful import-export is punishable with an imprisonment term of seven years, which may extend to life imprisonment and be liable to monetary fines.

Opportunities for youth, to better administration, progress in every sphere

TELANGANA, AN EMERGING ECONOMIC GIANT

Telangana is leading India's growth story by example. Over the past 8 years, the GSDP of the state has grown from Rs.5,05,849 crores to Rs.11,54,860 crores, with a phenomenal annual per capita income growth rate of 11.7% - the highest in South India. The state grows only when every sector grows. The per capita income in the state has grown equally from Rs.1,24,104 to Rs.2,78,833. This is one of India's finest examples of growth.

SURGING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Telangana has become the investment destination of choice for industries across all sectors. With a significant momentum already in place with IT development, the Government has passed the TS-iPass and gave impetus to ease of doing business, which ensures time-bound single window approvals.

17,921 industries have received approvals and lakhs of crores of investment has flowed in over the past few years. IT exports from Telangana have powered ahead to a mammoth Rs.1,83,569 crores. This surging growth has created jobs for 24,27,077 people across the state.

Thanks to 24-hour power supply, industrial production has increased multifold creating more employment and more growth.

GREATER HYDERABAD GREATNESS IN THE MAKING

Hyderabad is fast transforming into the city of the future.

Under the SRDP Scheme, 15 flyovers, 5 underpasses, 6 ROBs/RUBs and a cable bridge have taken shape. 22 out of a planned 39 link roads to reach Outer Ring Road fast, have been completed. The iconic Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge is a testimony to the strides Hyderabad is making. The Metro Rail project is into its 3rd phase and moving fast, connecting the city even better every day.

GROWING SPIRITUALLY AS WELL

The Telangana Government has put a huge emphasis on the development and re-development of spiritual centers across the state.

The Yadadri temple is a prime example. Constructed on 1000 acres, the temple has captivating sculptures and art. The Vemulawada temple is next being developed as a major spiritual center.

MAKING TELANGANA 100% FLUORIDE FREE – MISSION BHAGIRATHA

Telangana is the only state in India supplying clean, safe drinking water to every household across the state. Mission Bhagiratha has a pipeline length exceeding 2,00,000 km. Today, Telangana has made history by being a completely fluoride-free state.

TELANGANA STATE, THE "POWER HOUSE"

Telangana today provides 24x7 uninterrupted power to all the 234 sectors across the state. The installed power capacity now stands at 17,234 MW, with 4,517 MW coming from Solar Power. The electricity usage in Telangana is the highest in the country. With new and massive projects coming up fast, Telangana is set to be a state with excess power.

IRRIGATION THAT CHANGED THE FORTUNES OF A STATE

Telangana is the only state in the country with zero water cess on water supplied to farms from various projects.

The Kaleshwaram Project is the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project, and it was completed in record time, to help make 1 crore acres arable. Further, the remarkable Mission Kakatiya revived and rejuvenated 46,531 lakes, irrigating 15 lakh acres and significantly improving the water table in the state.

MAKING GREEN TELANGANA: HARITHA HAARAM

Haritha Haaram is the world's third largest effort to increase green cover. With a target of 33% forest cover across the state, Telangana has made huge strides towards the objective. With 243 crore saplings planted at a cost of Rs.8,816 crores, 12.63 lakh acres have been reforested and 109 urban forests have been created. Telangana's green cover has now increased by 7.7%.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Hyderabad is one of the safest cities in India. Needless to say, it is fast becoming one of the best international investment destinations.

The Police force has been completely modernized, with the latest technology and vehicles, a 20 storeyed command and control center, 9.21 lakh CCTV cameras and more. Further, Telangana's SHE Teams have taken Women Safety to the next level.

REVOLUTIONARY REFORMS IN ADMINISTRATION

33 new districts have been formed. Revenue Divisions have been increased from 42 to 74. Revenue Mandals increased from 459 to 594. Municipalities have been increased from 52 to 129. Corporations have been increased from 6 to 13. Police Commissionerates have been increased from 2 to 9. Gram Panchayats have been increased from 8,695 to 12,769.

All of these initiatives, together, go a long way in bringing the Government closer to people.

Issued by Commissioner, Dept. of Information and Public Relations, Govt. of Telangana.

BDA restrained from auctioning corner sites in Arkavathi Layout

Grievances of allottees must be resolved first, says High Court of Karnataka

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A view of Arkavathi Layout formed by BDA. • FILE PHOTO

The High Court of Karnataka has stayed the auction of corner sites in Arkavathi Layout in the city while observing that the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) "cannot act as a private real estate company to maximise the profit" by auctioning corner sites ignoring the plight of allottees, who were deprived of allotted sites in the layout due to BDA's fault.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the interim order on three separate petitions filed by T.S.S.N. Manjunath Rao, Manjula R. Shetty, and Indumathi Babu Shekar, who owned a site each in Arkavathi Layout 7th block as BDA had executed sale deeds in their favour in respect of allotted sites.

The grievance of the petitioners was that BDA, without issuing any notice to them, had utilised their sites for formation of road citing redesign of the layout, and now wanted to allot alternative sites in Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout.

The petitioners alleged that BDA, after realising its gross mistake of forming sites within the buffer zone of a secondary nala, on its own modified the layout plan, approved it by itself, obliterated the sites by forming road and now wants to allot alternative sites to them around 35 kilometres away.

Appearing for the petitioners, advocate Deepak Bhaskar argued that the BDA could have allotted sites within Arkavathi Layout instead of auctioning the sites to third parties, and the BDA needed to explore this possibility before allotting sites to the petitioners in Kempegowda Layout.

The court also observed: "The preference of allotment ought to be given to the allottees who have already been allotted sites instead of bringing new persons as auction purchasers thereby increasing the litigation pertaining to the Arkavathi Layout. The BDA cannot act as a private real estate company to maximise the profit by auctioning corner sites but has to have empathy to resolve the dispute of existing allottees."

"When there are several issues relating to allottees that are pending resolution and those allottees are being made to run from pillar to post, and are approaching this court seeking various reliefs, it would not be to any one's benefit if the BDA is permitted to go on with auctioning corner sites or otherwise until the issues relating to the existing allottees are sorted out," the court said.

SWR to retain old structures while redeveloping Cantonment station

Tender has been floated to take up work of the railway station at a cost of ₹442 cr.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

An artist's impression of the proposed redevelopment of Cantonment railway station in Bengaluru. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Colonial era structures will be retained and integrated with the new infrastructure as the South Western Railway (SWR) redevelops the Cantonment railway station. The SWR is investing ₹442 crore on the project and has already floated the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) tender to implement the project.

The proposed redeveloped station will have salient features such as centralised air-conditioning, multi-level car parking, sewerage treatment plant, rain water harvesting and solar energy. The SWR will also integrate the station with the proposed suburban rail network.

Chief PRO of SWR Aneesh Hegde said that as per the plan, the new station building will come up on the main entry - Vasanthnagar side, and second entry - Millers Road. Ticket issuing counters will be completely separated from the entrance concourse for easy flow of public and passengers. Separate pick up and drop zones will be built that will help in reducing the congestion. There will be a two-floor basement parking facility on both main and second entry points.

Divisional Railway Manager Shyam Singh told *The Hindu* that at present, close to 100 trains go through the Cantonment station on a daily basis and the footfall recorded is around 55,000. "The proposed infrastructure will help in giving more comfort of travel for passengers and increase the footfall. For the benefit of commuters, various amenities will come up including basement parking facilities and construction of railway over bridges connecting either end of the station. At present, there is congestion at the entry point. Existing roads will be widened for smooth flow of the traffic," Mr. Singh said. The official said that enhanced infrastructure will help to increase the footfall from 75,000 to 1 lakh per day.

FEATURES TO LOOK FORWARD TO

- The new station building will come up on Vasanthnagar side (main entrance) and Millers Road (second entrance).
- Centralised air-conditioning, multi-level car parking, sewerage treatment plant, rainwater harvesting, and solar energy.
- SWR will integrate the station with the proposed suburban rail network.
- Ticket counters will be separated from the entrance concourse for easy flow of public and passengers.
- Separate pick-up and drop zones to help reduce congestion.

Cantonment to turn into transport hub

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In future, the Cantonment railway station will turn into a transport hub as three rail networks will be integrated. Other than the existing rail network, Cantonment will have a suburban rail system and Namma Metro's underground station nearby. The K-RIDE (Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd.) is building the Kengeri-Whitefield suburban rail network via Cantonment. K-RIDE is yet to float tender for this corridor.

The BMRCL is constructing a tunnel network from Dairy Circle to Nagawara under phase II of Namma Metro project and the proposed Cantonment metro station is located 500-800 meters from the existing rail station. The BMRCL had initially proposed to build a skywalk or travelator connecting the two stations, but the plan is yet to be finalised.

The BMRCL has set 2025 as the deadline to complete pink line from Kalenaagrahara to Nagawara that includes a 14-km tunnel from Dairy Circle to Nagawara.

African national held with 20 gm of cocaine

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Halasuru police on Sunday arrested a 32-year-old African national and recovered 20.8 grams of cocaine from him.

The accused identified as Camara Charales from Guinea was caught red-handed on Kensington road while he was waiting for his clients to deliver the drugs. Based on a tip off, the police arrested the accused.

The accused had come to city on student visa and had been peddling drugs for the past one year, a police officer said adding that the police are now trying to track the source of drugs and his clients.

Another case

In another incident, the Malleshwaram police arrested a man and recovered 700 grams of opium from him on Sunday. The accused was arrested while he was waiting at the Malleshwaram grounds close to the police station.

Inquiries revealed that the accused from Rajasthan came to city five years ago and was working as a labourer at a electrical appliance manufacturing factory. He would source the drugs from his native Rajasthan and smuggle it in the city by train and sell it to his clients to make extra money.

BBMP orders probe into firm's assault complaint against chief engineer

HC has adjourned the case till June 6

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Chief civic commissioner Tushar Giri Nath has instituted a probe into the allegations of assault against Chief Engineer, (Road Infrastructure), B.S. Prahlad.

This comes a day after the Karnataka High Court asked the chief civic commissioner to submit an action taken report on the complaint by a private firm in-charge of filling potholes that Mr. Prahlad physically assaulted the husband of the MD of the firm and another director of city-based American Technology and Solutions Ltd.

"Ravindra P.N., Special Commissioner (Projects) will probe into the allegation of assault against the chief engineer and submit a report based on which further action will be taken. Meanwhile, the responsibility to oversee work by the firm has been handed over to another chief engineer Lokesh," Mr. Giri Nath said.

The High Court has adjourned the case till June 6, when it has asked Mr. Giri Nath to be present in court.

Water adalat today

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at its various sub divisions to settle the grievances related to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection, and other related issues.

According to a BWSSB release, the adalat will be held at its following sub-divisions: West-1, South West-1, South East 1, South 1, East-2-1, East 1-1, North Village 2, Central 1, North West 1 and North West 4

Red sanders smuggling racket unearthed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The mobile squad of the Forest Department, in a covert operation, unearthed an inter-State red sanders smuggling racket and seized 559.4 kg of precious wood worth ₹28 lakh.

Based on a tip-off, a team led by Deputy Conservator of Forest G.S. Gangadhar intercepted a goods vehicle near Kattigenahalli on Hosakote road round 1.30 a.m. and the sniffer squad alerted about the presence of red sanders.

Concealed in cartons

While the officials were checking the vehicle, the two men in the vehicle escaped. The officials found red sanders in carton boxes and concealed under vegetable load.

The officials have seized the truck and taken up a case while efforts are on to track down the accused who abandoned the vehicle and escaped.

Music festival

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The fourth edition of Udupa Music festival organised by Udupa Foundation will be held from June 2 to 4 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval. It will commence daily from 7 p.m. For details, visit www.udupafoundation .com

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINE & ALLIED ITEMS ON RATE CONTRACT

Director CSIR – CLRI invites for bids from manufacturers for supply of medicines to CSIR-CLRI Dispensary at hospital pricelist / institutional pricelist through CPP Portal (www.etenders.gov.in).

Sl. No.	Tender Ref. & ID	Description of Item
1	13(11)/2022/Pur/T-22	Proposal for Rate contract for period of 1 year and extendable by 2 years from manufacturers for supply of medicines to CSIR-CLRI dispensary at hospital pricelist / institutional pricelist.

Tender Closing Date : 21st June, 2022 at 3.00 p.m
Tender Opening Date : 22nd June, 2022 at 3.00 p.m

The E-Tender document can be downloaded from www.etenders.gov.in.
Tenders should be submitted through e-procurement portal as above.
Stores & Purchase Officer
(For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.
Y-MD-52-HK-RH-MYS-2022 Date: 30.05.2022.
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of work	Approx. Value
Mechanized cleaning and Housekeeping services at Railway Hospital/Mysuru and its premises for 730 days.	Rs. 1,01,38,084/-

Last Date of Submission of bids: Up to 15:00 hrs. on 04.07.2022
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Medical Superintendent/Railway Hospital Mysuru
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that we, M/s Walden Properties Pvt Ltd, M/s. Mantri Developers Private Limited and Mr. BN Adarsh, all are having their registered office at Mantri house, 41 Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore: 560001 have lost/misplaced the following Original Title Documents with regard to all that piece and parcel of lands bearing (i) Survey No.353/2A measuring 10 Guntas and (ii) Survey No.353/2B measuring 06 Guntas, both situated at Ammani Bellenduru Khane Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, together hereinafter referred to as "Said Property" and that till date the same is not traceable despite diligent search.

1) Sale Deed dated: 24.03.2004, Executed by Channarayappa son of late. Yallappa and his children Vijay Kumar, Nagesh and Suresh in favour of V. Narayanappa son of Venkataswamy (registered as Document No. 26838/2003-04 of Book I, and stored in CD No. BASD 37 in office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk), with regard to Survey No. 353/2A measuring about 10 Guntas; 2) Agreement for Sale dated: 23.09.2004, Entered between Narayanappa son of late Nanjappa (for himself and as father and natural guardian of his minor children Nethravathi and Chetan), his wife Sharada and Jayamma daughter of late Nanjappa and G. Ravi son of Govindachary (registered as Document No.16601/2004-05 in Book I , and stored in CD No.BASD98, in office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk), with regard to Survey No.353/2B measuring about 6 Guntas; 3) General Power of Attorney dated: 23.09.2004, Executed by Narayanappa son of late Nanjappa (for himself and as father and natural guardian of his minor children Nethravathi and Chetan), his wife Sharada and Jayamma daughter of late Nanjappa in favour of G. Ravi son of Govindachary (registered on 23.09.2004 as Document No. 516/2004-05, in Book IV, and stored in C.D. No. BASD97, in office of the Sub -Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk), with regard to Survey. No. 353/2B measuring about 06 Guntas; 4) Sale Deed dated: 15.06.2007, Executed by Narayanappa son of late Nanjappa (for himself and as father and natural guardian of his minor son Chetan), his wife Sharada, his daughter Nethravathi and Jayamma daughter of late Nanjappa, all are represented by their Attorney Holder G. Ravi son of Govindachary and duly consented by G. Ravi son of Govindachary in favour of B.N. Adarsh son of B.S.N. Hari represented by his Attorney Holder Narasimha Reddy (registered as Document No. 1759/2007-08, in Book-I, stored in C.D. No. VRTD6, in office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Varthur), with regard to Survey No. 353/2B measuring about 06 Guntas;

We have filed an online Complaint/Lost Article Report bearing No. 0234864/2022 intimating the loss/misplacement of above said Original Title Documents of the Said Property with on 31.05.2022 and we have requested the jurisdictional police to return the Original Title Documents in the event of the same being traced or anyone finding the same and delivering to the Police. Any person or persons having found the Original Title Documents may return at the below mentioned address.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 01.06.2022
M/s. Mantri Developers Private Limited,
Mantri House, No.41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru 560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that my client **Mr.MAHESH AMRITLAL SHAH**, aged about 53 years, S/o Mr. Amritlal Govindji Shah, being one of the Partner of M/s. Diamond Agarbatti & Co., R/o. No.405, D/2, Sheetal Apartment, Jain Mandir Road, Near Jain Temple, Sarvodayanagar, Mulund West, MUMBAI – 400 080, who has represented to me that the following original documents in respect of schedule property are being lost/misplaced and the same are not traceable :-

a. Original Sale Deed dated 19-01-1972, document No.3032/1971-72, Book I, Volume 332, Pages 26 to 29 and registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore

b. Original Sale Deed dated 22-04-1996, document No.487/1996-97, Book I, Volume 1878, Pages 24 to 31 and registered at the office of the Sub Registrar, Srirampuram, Bangalore

It is further represented that the said above mentioned original Title Deeds have not been pledged/mortgaged nor has any lien been created on the lost original title deeds and no other person/s have any authority to hold the said title deeds. Any person/s holding the said title deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site formerly bearing No.1/2, subsequently No.1151 and now bearing No.1151/1 and the house built thereon, formerly bearing No.882 and now bearing **No.1151/1, IV Cross Road, 9th Division, Srirampuram, Bangalore City**, including all the construction, structure, fittings such as the water, sanitary and electric fittings, bounded on

East : The East End Road & Railway Lane, West: House built on Site No.1/1, North : IV Cross Road, South : V Cross Road, measuring 45 Ft on the North, 76 ½ Feet on the South, 20 Ft on the East and 78 ½ Ft on the West.

Mr. Sadashiva M.H.
—ADVOCATE— KRM LAW FIRM
No.802/818, "AMMA", 6th Main, 2nd Stage, 9th Block, Nagarabhavi Bangalore-560072.
Ph : 9880816715
Email: sadashivamh@gmail.com
BANGALORE DATED : 01.06.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT, my client intends to purchase of Schedule Property from the owners (1) **SMT. NALLAPPAREDDY KRISHNA SAHITHI**, D/o.Sri.Nallappareddy Ravi Sekhar Reddy and (2) **SMT. RADHIKA.K**, W/o.Sri.G.N.Prasad having absolute ownership over the property described in the Schedule hereunder. It is brought to the notice of the general public that, my client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owners. All persons having any claim against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, Mortgage, Sale, Conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, City Title Survey Number (CTS), transfer, Lease Deed, Title Claims, Minor Rights, Tenancy, License, Lien, Charge, Trust, Maintenance, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof/s to the undersigned office within **15 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed without any reference to such claim/s and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Vacant Property bearing **Site No.10**, Khata **No.KTR/114/13-14**, CTS **No.6670**, situated at 1st Cross, Jangama Mestri Lane, Ward No.94, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West: **05'-0"** Feet and North to South **10'-0"** Feet, in all measuring **50 Square Feet** and bounded as follows On the **East By**: Property of K.C. Murthy, **West By**: Private Property, **North By**: Private Property, **South By**: Road.

Sd/- **B.S. Rangappa**, Advocate
No.217, 4th Main, 3rd Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018.
Ph: 080-79625681; Mob: +91 99450 74040. Date: 31-05-2022

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP **No.11, (Old No.152/1)**, Khata **No. KTR/115/13-14**, CTS No.6669, situated at 1st Cross, Jangama Mestri Lane, Ward No. 94, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West: **11'-0" Feet** and North to South: **10.0" Feet**, in all measuring **110 Square Feet** with constructed Building consisting of **Ground Floor** and bounded as follows: On the **East By**: Property of Smt.Doddeeranamma, **West By**: Property of Sri.Srinivasa, **North By**: Property of Sri.Revanna, **South By**: Jangama Mestri Galli;

Sd/- **B.S. Rangappa**, Advocate
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ruth.** Herbert, Spouse of Herbert. Hector. Hart residing at No.1, Keerthi Layout, 3 Cross Road, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560084 have changed my name from Ruth. Herbert to Ruth. Urmila. Hart vide affidavit dated 11/05/2022 at Court of The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

WE VINOD Kumar.B and Padmavathi.K.M, R/a No.779, 9th B Main, 5th Cross, Hampinagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560104, hereby state that we have changed our minor daughter's name from Devishri Vinod Kumar Achar alias Deveeshree.V.P to Deveeshree Achar, vide affidavit dt: 12.05.2022 sworn before Notary N.Nagappa, B'lore

PERSONAL

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I, **BINCY RATHIESH** W/o Wg. Cdr. Rathiesh N.M, (Service No. 29510-G), R/at No. 25, 'Pournami' 8th A Cross, 1st Main, Vignana Nagar, New Thippasandra (PO), Bangalore-560 075, have changed my name from **BINCY RATHIESH** to **BINCY .N.V.** vide affidavit dated 01/06/2022 sworn before Wg. Cdr. Rathiesh N.M., and also before **Shri Lakshminarayana**, Notary Public, at Bangalore.

TENDERS

WAPCOS LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
TENDER NOTICE
Name of Project: Development of Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalasseri (2nd Phase) in Kannur District. PAC: Rs.333,51,98,000/- Last date for submission: 27.06.2022. For details, visit websites www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.wapcos.co.in

EDUCATIONAL

Contested waters: Pakistani children play on a boat in the Ravi river in Lahore. • AFP

FROM THE ARCHIVES

How the Indus Treaty was signed

Notes from the unpublished diary of India's Acting High Commissioner in Karachi, Pakistan, during the signing of the Indus Water Treaty in September 1960

K.V. PADMANABHAN

THE GIST

- During partition, the line dividing the two Punjabs cut right across the Indus canal systems. Pakistan found that all the five tributaries of the Indus originated in India and flowed through Indian territory in the upper reaches.This led to hysterical cries in Pakistan for taking up arms to defend their rights over the waters. Fortunately, an arbiter came forward in the garb of the World Bank.
- The Indus Waters Treaty was based on the principle that after a transitional period of 10 years, extendable to 13 at the request of Pakistan, the three eastern rivers, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej, would be exclusively allocated to India, while the western rivers, Indus, Jhelum and Chenab, would be allocated exclusively to Pakistan except for certain limited uses by India in the upstream areas.
- However, other related bilateral discussions and grandiose schemes came to practically nothing because of Pakistan's insistence that India should make substantial concessions with regard to Kashmir.

Amongst the more prominent of the problems that bedevilled relations between India and Pakistan was the Indus Waters dispute. This was a legacy of the Partition. The line dividing the two Punjabs cut right across the Indus canal systems developed over a hundred years. Pakistan found that the headwaters of the main canals were on the Indian side of the border. All the five tributaries of the Indus also originated in India and flowed through Indian territory in the upper reaches. Even before Partition, Sindh and Punjab had witnessed wrangles over the sharing of the waters of these rivers.

The situation worsened after the holocaust of the Partition. There were hysterical cries in Pakistan for taking up arms to defend their rights over the waters. Fortunately, an arbiter came forward in the garb of the World Bank that eventually succeeded in thrashing out a settlement. The main credit should go to Eugene Black, the World Bank president.

Demarcating boundaries

While the negotiations about the sharing of the canal waters were going on, officials from both countries were grappling with the demarcation of boundaries that had defied solution all those years. These disputes had arisen over the interpretation of the award of Radcliffe. Two teams were sent out by India to tackle the thorny problem [in 1959]. The discussions the Indians held with their Pakistani counterparts were in a spirit of friendship and cordiality hitherto unheard of in Pakistan. To a large extent, this was due to the fact that the leaders of the respective teams were old friends and college mates from pre-Partition Lahore. The leader on the Indian side was Sardar Swaran Singh; General Khalid Shaikh led the Pakistani team. Once these two men established their rapport, they left the details to their principal advisors: on the Indian side M.J. Desai, and on the other side Sikander Ali Baig. Once it was established that the main purpose of the exercise was to achieve maximum agreement and that neither side was out to steal an unfair advantage, it was easier to work out a solution. It was found that neither India nor Pakistan had an overwhelming case to be made on its stand on a particular dispute. One side gracefully conceded the other's claim were valid, and that was that. In this way the two negotiating teams were able to settle a number of irritants in this field and pave the way for a period of real détente between the two countries.

However, some [issues] proved to be intractable. One of these was the dispute regarding the Rann of Kutch. As neither side gave way, it was decided to leave it for further negotiations through routine diplomatic channels. Subsequently, Pakistan was to take the law into its own hands and send a raiding force into the territory only to be halted by Indian Army units. The dispute was then put to international arbitration, as a result of which India agreed to give up a part of the disputed area to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Ayub Khan had taken another bold step. This was the decision to stop over at Palam airport in New Delhi [in September, 1959] during one of his periodic visits to Dacca, to meet the Indian Prime Minister. He was no doubt prompted to do so by Rajeshwar Dayal, the Indian High Commissioner in Pakistan who had received prior approval from Delhi. The Pakistani President deserves full credit for following it through with good grace and aplomb. The Palam meeting, that lasted for nearly two hours, went well. At the end, a brief statement was issued in which the leaders emphasised the need to conduct relations in a rational and planned manner. It was also agreed that outstanding issues should be settled in accordance with justice and fair play, in a spirit of friendliness and cooperation. Later, when speaking to the Press, Ayub Khan stressed the need for re-appraisals, for forgetting and forgiving, and for a more realistic and rational approach to settling disputes that had tarnished relations between the two neighbour states. For a few moments, the ice seemed to be broken. Right-thinking people on both sides appeared to heave a sigh of relief.

Nehru's visit to Pakistan

Soon it was clear that bigger things were in the offing. The protracted negotiations about the distribution of the canal waters were drawing to a close. The agreement on the canal waters was the biggest single achievement to date between the two countries, and it was decided to have it signed with due pomp and show. This provided an appropriate opportunity for the Indian Prime Minster to reciprocate Ayub Khan's stopover at Palam and to demonstrate the friendly relations that were developing between the two countries. The historic visit of Pandit Nehru from September 19 to September 23, 1960, was to be his last visit to Pakistan.

While the arrangements of the visit were under discussion, Rajeshwar Dayal had to leave Pakistan. The task of organising Panditji's visit fell on my shoulders. Fortunately, I had very able colleagues to help me.

Prime Minister Nehru's visit commenced on a rather low key. The welcome at Karachi was formal and correct, but not enthusiastic. The decorations along the route from the airport to the presidential palace were minimal. By contrast, a lot of the local populace had gathered along the streets to have a glimpse of Panditji. But they did not cheer him. It was evident that the military authorities had ordained it that way.

The same evening was the signing of the Indus Waters Treaty. This was done with due decorum and solemnity. Nehru signed on behalf of India, Ayub Khan on behalf of Pakistan, and William Iliff, the vice-president of the World Bank, on behalf of the Bank. The treaty was based on the principle that after a transitional period of 10 years, extendable to 13 at the request of Pakistan, the three eastern rivers, Ravi, Beas and Sutlej, would be exclusively allocated to India, while the western rivers, Indus, Jhelum and Chenab, would be allocated exclusively to Pakistan except for certain limited uses by India in the upstream areas. During the transition period, Pakistan would undertake a system of works, part of which would replace from the western rivers such irrigation uses in Pakistan as had hitherto been met from the eastern rivers. While the system of works was under construction, India would continue to supply water from the eastern rivers according to the agreed programme. The Indus works programme was estimated to cost around $1,070 million, of which $870 million was to be spent in Pakistan. It was a colossal undertaking.

Once the signing ceremony was over everyone breathed a sigh of relief. What had been an insurmountable problem was out of the way. Could one proceed to other items on the agenda? This was the nagging question that troubled the advisers on either side. Panditji had brought a team of advisers that included Desai, the Commonwealth Secretary, an able administrator, and a tough negotiator. Ayub Khan had great respect for his abilities.

However, the discussions that followed proved to be desultory and unproductive. It was clear that neither side was prepared for any major concessions. We talked primarily of trade between the two countries and for cooperation in economic spheres. A number of ideas were thrown out. Ayub Khan in a generous mood offered to divert the waters of the Indus River to the parched areas of Rajasthan by erecting a barrage in the lower reaches of the river; also to supply the Sui natural gas from Balochistan to the Bombay area.

The Indian side in its turn agreed to consider sympathetically the proposal enabling Pakistan to run a through-train across India connecting Lahore and Dacca. Even cooperation and co-ordination in the military fields came under discussion. India expressed concern about Chinese activities on the northern border of Kashmir and emphasised the concern they felt about a possible threat to Pakistan also from them.

Ayub Khan, without batting an eyelid, shook his head gravely and promised to study the question with his military advisors. Little did the Indian side suspect that Pakistan would be handing over to the Chinese sizeable chunks of the territory in the northern part of Kashmir in return for China's support of Pakistan's claim for the annexation of Jammu and Kashmir.

In fact, all our bilateral discussions and grandiose schemes came to practically nothing because of Pakistan's insistence that India should make substantial concessions with regard to Kashmir. Thereby ended another chapter in the unfulfilled agenda of cooperation between India and Pakistan.

K.V. Padmanabhan was in the Indian Foreign Service. Born in 1911, he passed away in 1992.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Today marks the eighth anniversary of the Telangana formation day. Here's a quiz related to the State, prominent personalities, its history and so on

1 One of the key figures in the movement that led to the formation of the new State, he was the chairman of the Telangana Joint Action Committee, an umbrella organisation formed in 2009 which included several political outfits as part of it. Today he is the leader of an opposition party, Telangana Jana Samithi. Name this individual.

2 A major leader in the Telangana armed struggle against Nizam rule and then later the peasants' struggle, this person later went on to become the first general secretary of the CPI(M) after its split from the CPI. Name him.

3 The first of many prestigious regional engineering colleges in India was set up in this city. The college also has the distinction of hosting a student who went on to become the first Indian employee of Microsoft. Name the former software developer, the college and the city where it is located.

4 The world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project is on the Godavari river in Telangana. Name the project.

5 This 18 year old from Telangana is set to represent India in the upcoming Chess Olympiad in India's first team. He is also the 54th grandmaster from India. Name him.

◄ Name this famous tree, which is fabled to have been a host to thieves as a hideout in the past and where it is located. • FILE PHOTO

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. In Greek mythology, this Goddess' milk was said to have created the milky way. **Ans: Hera**
2. The term used for the disaccharide that makes up around 2-8% of milk. **Ans: Lactose**
3. The dairy development programme launched in India, 1970. **Ans: Operation Flood**
4. The 1976 Shyam Benegal film inspired by the milk co-operative movement. **Ans: *Manthan***
5. The Russians kept milk from going sour by dropping this animal into the liquid. **Ans: Frog**
6. The contribution of Gail Borden Jr. **Ans: He invented the process to make sweetened condensed milk**
7. The cheese named after a town in France. **Ans: Roquefort**
8. The first form of milk produced by mammals immediately after childbirth. **Ans: Colostrum**
9. The two major types of protein in milk. **Ans: Casein and whey**
Visual: The major sporting event in which there is a tradition of the champion consuming milk. **Ans: Indianapolis 500 motor race**

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KEYWORD

The Turing test

A test to determine whether machines can impersonate human beings

JACOB P KOSHY

The Turing test, named after British mathematician Alan Turing was a concept proposed to test if a machine could deceive a person into thinking it was human. Turing called it the 'imitation game' and first discussed it in his 1950 paper, 'Computing Machinery and Intelligence' while working at the University of Manchester. Turing was addressing a philosophical problem that other mathematicians and scientists were wrangling with, given that the first computers – based on vacuum tubes and large electrical systems – were already around. The question was: Can machines think? Given that this was a subjective question, Turing broke it down into a testable format.

The hypothesis

Turing proposed that an objective way to test for intelligence in machines is to have a computer perform a task in the same way a real person would. Computers in their early days were envisaged as calculation machines and, though nowhere near the speed at which they compute today, they could perform calculations beyond human capability. Therefore, having a computer and a person perform complex math calculations wouldn't be an appropriate test of a machine's humanity. Therefore, Turing proposed the equivalent of a 'party game' wherein a man and woman would go into separate rooms and answer, in writing, questions posed by guests. The aim of the game was for the man and the woman to convince the guests that they were the other.

Turing is considered the father of modern computer science, having in 1936, conceived of a 'Universal Machine' that in theory could compute anything and lies at the heart of the modern digital computer. His conception of computers as thinking machines gestated the development of Artificial Intelligence.

The results

Passing the Turing test would mean that computers were able to convince people they were human. Turing stated that it wouldn't be inconceivable for computers, 50 years from the writing of his paper, to pass the 'imitation game.' (Mathematician Alonzo Church was the first to refer to this problem as the 'Turing test.'). Since then, at various points, machines have superficially passed the test.

The earliest was a program called ELIZA, created at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Joseph Weizenbaum in the 1960s. ELIZA, was a chatbot modelled on a psychotherapist. In response to typed questions, Eliza was programmed to pick on certain words, reframe that as a question and pose it back. For eg: Eliza would begin: "Is something troubling you?" A response: "Men are all alike." Eliza: "What is the connection, do you suppose?"

Because these conversations could go on indefinitely, many users believed that they were talking to a sentient machine who understood them and sometimes, offered insight. Weizenbaum developed ELIZA to show that it was possible to simulate conversation with a machine, without the latter grasping the context. ELIZA was never part of a formal evaluation of a Turing Test but is nevertheless considered important in the history of machine intelligence because it suggested that machine-human interactions could be conducted in a way that gave an illusion of intelligence.

The Loebner Prize is a competition that has provided a platform for practical Turing tests. A panel of judges awarded prizes for the program that came closest to imitating human like conversation. The interactions between man and machine are conducted via text-chats. The chief criticism of programs that have won is that they aren't really designed to determine intelligence but rather simply to fool humans. The assumption is that intelligence is the ability to deceive. There have been significant advances in machine's ability to understand human language, as the increasing use of Alexa and Siri suggest, but it's quite apparent that they are far from being considered to have reached a stage where they can easily trick most people into believing them to be human.

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RYTHU BIMA: The farmers have been given a life insurance coverage of Rs.5 lakh. Already 80,861 families received relief from the scheme till date.

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The results of these efforts are astounding. Food grain production has grown by 8 times, and Telangana is today the leading cotton producer in the country.

FARMERS' GREATEST FRIEND, RYTHU BANDHU

Telangana is the only state in the country to offer a sum of Rs.10,000 per acre, per annum, to every farmer across the state as input subsidy. 63 lakh farmers have received a total of Rs.50,448 crores directly to their accounts till date.

A REVOLUTION TO UPLIFT DALITS: DALIT BANDHU

In a benchmark for the country, Telangana Government has instituted the Dalit Bandhu scheme for the upliftment and growth of the Dalit community.

Under this scheme, a grant of Rs.10 lakhs will be given to every Dalit family, irrespective of the status of their bank account. They can use this to create livelihoods, and build a future.

Further, Telangana instituted a reservation of 10% for all Government licenses – fertilizer, medical, liquor shop – for Dalits.

Over 40,000 Dalit families benefitted just last year, with 1,75,000 more to be touched by the scheme this year.

AASARA PENSION

This unique scheme provides pension to the underprivileged. The elderly, widows, single women, weavers, toddy tappers, disabled, HIV victims, beedi workers and people suffering from Elephantiasis, all benefit with pensions ranging from Rs.2016 to Rs.3016 per month.

RURAL AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Telangana has seen unbelievable development at both the Urban and Rural levels unheard of in India, with Palle Pragathi and Pattana Pragathi.

With impetus to basic infrastructure, significant budget allocation, and creation of new posts of 9,355 Village Secretaries, and Additional District Collectors in every district, Rural and Urban Development has gathered great momentum. Every village now has a tractor, trolley, water tanker, nursery and dump yard.

Of the 20 ranks in "Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana", Telangana villages have secured 19 ranks. This is a testimony to the progress made by the rural development program.

EVERY COMMUNITY FINDS A FUTURE

Sheepherders: 7.3 lakh sheep have been distributed to shepherds across the state, at a cost of Rs.11,000 crores.

Fishermen: 10.17 lakh fishermen were given fish worth Rs.305 crores to start their farms. As a result, over the past 8 years, the fish estate grew to Rs.25,782 crores, immensely increasing their revenues.

Textile Workers and Weavers: The Kakatiya Textile Park, Apparel Park in Warangal, and Weaving Park in Siricilla were started to provide employment and livelihood to weavers and textile workers. Loan waivers upto Rs.1 lakh, insurance cover of Rs.5 lakhs and 50% subsidy on thread and chemicals have also been provided to the community.

Toddy Workers: Toddy shops were reopened, unpaid taxes were waived, protection was provided for accident and accidental death to this community to uplift them. Further, the Goud community got 15% reservation on liquor licenses, helping them secure their futures.

TELANGANA, CHAMPION IN EDUCATION

Telangana has the greatest number of residential schools in the country at 973. Each of these imparts quality education of a global standard to over 5 lakh students, securing our tomorrow firmly.

Mana Ooru Mana Badi: Under this scheme, all schools have been upgraded to English medium, and a sum of Rs.7,289 crores have been allocated for infrastructure imporovement.

BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL

For the first time in India, **Kanti Velugu,** a unique eye check-up program, tested 1.5 crore people and provided glasses to 41 lakh people, free of cost. Further, over 13 lakh mothers who gave births in Government hospitals were given **KCR Kits**. The kits included Rs.13,000 for a baby girl and Rs.12,000 for a baby boy, along with 16 other essentials useful for the baby.

2-BEDROOM HOUSING PROGRAMME

Telangana is the only state to give a free 2BHK home to below the poverty line citizens. 2,91,000 houses have been approved till date, with more on the way. Those with land will be sanctioned Rs.3,00,00 in phases to build their own 2BHK homes.

KALYANA LAKSHMI SHAADI MUBARAK

Under the scheme, the state gives Rs.1,00,116 to poor girls for their wedding expenses. 11,44,000 girls have benefitted under this scheme.

TELANGANA IS ONE BIG HAPPY COMMUNITY

When all the diverse communities benefit together, the state itself benefits. In Telangana everyone finds reasons for happiness.

The Government officially celebrates Bonalu, Bathukamma, Ramzan and Christmas, promoting communal harmony. 250 units of power free for dhobi ghats, laundry shops and Nayi Brahmin saloons. Rs.5000 monthly renumeration for 10,000 Imams and Mouzams. Free clothes distribution on Bathukamma, Ramzan and Christmas.

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Pre-monsoon rain, wind damage horticultural crops on nearly 9K ha

The value of the lost crops is estimated to be over ₹95.55 crore

JAHNAVI T.R.
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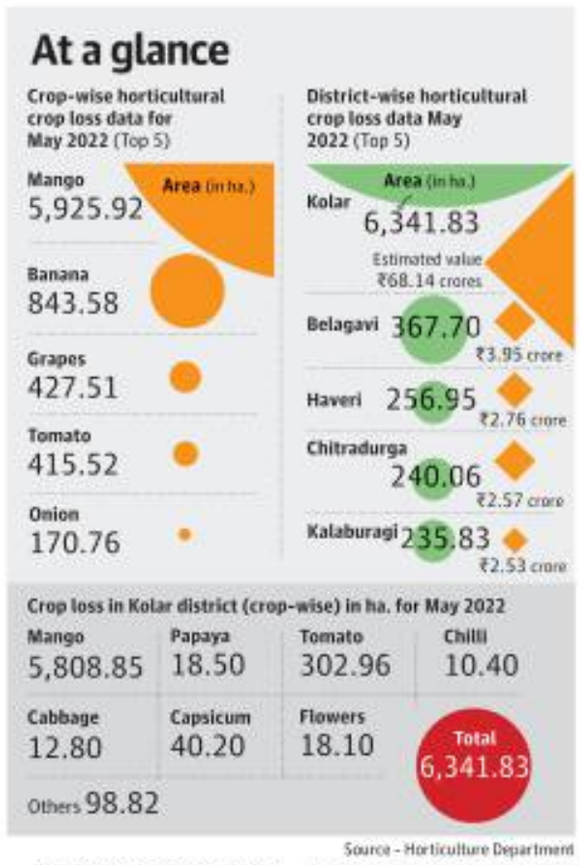
Just when farmers were recovering from the damage caused by last year's monsoon rains, the pre-monsoon showers in May have wreaked havoc on horticultural crops in Karnataka, damaging crops on a total of 8,972 hectares, shows data from the Horticulture Department. The value of the lost crops is estimated to be over ₹95.55 crore. While Kolar, Belagavi, and Haveri were the worst affected districts, seasonal favourites mango and grapes besides banana were the worst-affected crops.

An official of the department said this kind of crop loss usually does not take place in May and cited the gusty winds as the sole reason for this extent of the damage. "The winds this time were such that even the roofs of polyhouses flew away. There was no way for farmers to protect their crops. Even if they used tarpaulin sheets, they would not hold against the wind. During monsoon, some horticultural crops rot because of the rain. But during summer rain, the wind causes the fruits and vegetables to fall off," they explained.



Source - Horticulture Department

Although the department collects data from each district, there is no system in place to find out the stage at which the crop was damaged. "We do not get to know if they were in pre-bearing or bearing stage as different farmers have different planting schedules. To find out their stages, losses need to be traced through a survey. It is very time-consuming. Hence if 33% of crops are damaged in a hectare, it is considered crop loss. Anything less than 33% is very common due to natural conditions," the official said.

Kolar district, which was the worst hit with losses of crops on 6,341.83 hectares, also accounted for the highest quantum of mango losses. Out of the total mango loss on 5,925.92 hectares, fruits on 5,808.85 hectares were lost in Kolar district. Another major mango growing district, Chickballapur, saw loss of mango fruits on 33.58 hectares. Banana plantations were majorly damaged in Kalaburagi district (163.81 hectares). Out of the total 427.51 hectares of grapes lost in the month, Belagavi district accounted for 315 hectares.

Coming to vegetables, tomatoes were lost on 415.52 hectares while onions were lost on a total of 170.76 hectares.

Other vegetables such as drumstick, chilli, and capsicum also took a big hit in the month. Two of the State's major commercial crops –arecanut and betel vine – were also damaged on 148.27 hectares and 79.55 hectares, respectively.

The data showed that 75.56 hectares of floricultural crops were also lost owing to the rain.

NISAR to arrive in India by Feb. 2023: NASA scientists

It will help scientists to study structural changes on earth

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The radar payload of NISAR, the ambitious joint space project of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and US space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), is scheduled to arrive to India by February 2023, said Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, NASA Science Mission Directorate, while delivering a talk organised at the Indian Institute of Science (IISC) on Wednesday.

Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, NASA Science Mission Directorate, speaking on 'Future Space Exploration' in Bengaluru on Wednesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

NISAR will help scientists to study aspects like the structural changes on the surface of the earth, climate change and prediction of hazardous events, amongst others.

NISAR, short for NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR), is currently being developed at a lab in Pasadena, California, USA.

The team from NASA said that while the radar payload is fully electrically integrated, the work is underway for the 12 metre deployable boom and reflect radar antenna. "We are now going into testing stages - both launch configuration and functional testing - post which, the whole thing will be shifted back to India for integration on to the spacecraft and then on to the watch vehicle and the launch," a scientist explained. The scientists added that with its unique feed design, NISAR will illuminate an entire strip of the earth and sweep across for the received pulse, which will further allow scientists to see the changes in the position of earth's surface, down to millimeters and centimeters.

The sensors will help in the monitoring of melting of ice sheets in the polar regions, surface deformations to predict hazardous events, and determination of total bio mass which will have applications in agriculture and biodiversity. It will also help in water management by observing the minute changes in the earth's surface which is traceable to underground water depletion.

Dr. Zurbuchen also talked about the "Earth System Observatory' for the preservation of the planet.

The observatory will have many applications in the field of Surface Biology and Geology, Aerosols, Mass change and many others, he said. He further spoke about NASA's Open-Source Science Initiative under which, as the work on a project continues, ESO data, software and scientific results will be made openly available.

Space tourism

Taking a question from the audience about space tourism, which is trending now, Dr. Zurbuchen called it "a passionate set of projects funded by rich people".

He added, "It is hard to predict what space tourism will do and where it will end up as it depends on how much it excites you."

UoM to offer pharmacy courses

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The University of Mysore is set to introduce a pharmacy course from the new academic year (2022-23) in continuation of the expansion of its offerings of professional courses.

This was announced by G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, during the AICTE-Induction programme for students of Mysore University School of Engineering in Mysuru on June 1.

FROM PAGE ONE

Pre-monsoon rain 105% above normal

"Several districts are seeing an increase in prolonged dry periods with low or no rainfall or intermittent with short, intense spells of rainfall. The study of long-term climate data series for the last 58 years shows that there has been a considerable shift in rainfall patterns over Karnataka.The quantum, intensity and distribution of rainfall have varied across the regions in the State from the 1960-1990 period (P1) to 1991-2017 (P2)," he said.

Less annual rainfall

Kodagu, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada districts show a reduction in annual rainfall, while an increase in rainfall has been observed over Shivamogga and Hassan districts from P1 to P2, he explained.

Delivery boy held for harassing women

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The South East division police on Wednesday arrested 40-year-old food delivery executive for allegedly harassing women online since one year. The accused Purushotham, 40, a resident of Madiwala, was arrested based on an alert by the central agency that the accused was dealing with child pornography. According to the police, the accused would befriend women on social media and start chatting with them and shared objectionable videos and pictures to harass them.

He was booked under various sections of the IT Act.

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Reinventing Management Education, the IPE Way

Hyderabad-based, Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE) has been reinventing Management Education since inception in 1964

Business Schools across the country have been sought after by students ever since India started its trek towards being a global financial powerhouse. The country has come a long way forward after the Asian tiger nomenclature saw it do wonders in the socio-economic horizon. As the nation surges ahead in its bid to climb on top of the podium that hosts the world's largest nations in terms of economic development, the management education scenario too may be seen as having got its well-deserved due.

This is clear from the number of business schools that have mushroomed across the country over the past few decades. While many had come into being after the liberalisation era and have blossomed with their expertise in management education, some others have ended up as just also-rans. The demand for quality management education had turned out to be norm as India's economic aspirations saw a leap.

Standing head and shoulders above all the management education institutions that had mushroomed over the past few years is a B-school that has a history dating back to the 1960s. Significant is the fact the Hyderabad-based Institute of Public Enterprise (IPE), which came into being in 1964 as an autonomous non-profit society, is one of India's premier AICTE-approved management Institutes today. A look at historical data speaks of the manner in which IPE has succeeded in transforming students into leaders who by way of having imbibed the best education at the institute have been serving in India and abroad and the society at large.

Human resources that meet industry requirements

With the goal of growing into an institute of choice for social science research and management education, and to contribute to the excellence of organisation and society, IPE has on its learning menu management education, research, consultancy, and training. After having rolled out its first two-year full-time Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme in the year 1995, IPE has been in the business of offering skilled human resources to meet the requirements of industry to much success, year after year.

IPE has made it a habit to anticipate well in advance and respond to the needs of social science and management research for various platforms, including that of both the government and corporate sectors, and also the society, through its social science research and management education formats.

Further to the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme, IPE went a step forward and reviewed the market for demands so as to chart out a cutting-edge curriculum for the future. Thus was born the new functional & sector-specific PGDM programmes in the areas of Marketing, Banking Insurance and Financial Services, International Business and Human Resource Management.

For an institute born in 1964, the understandings of the domain and the experience that it has gathered over the decades have stood in good stead. The long years of experience in imparting management education through its contemporary, industry specific and functional specific educational programmes have imbibed faith in students and captivated unparalleled patronage from the corporate world who visits every passing year to pick the best of talent from IPE's classrooms.

Diving deeper into the laurels that have come IPE's way would put on full display the manner in which the institute has redefined management education over the years. Prime on the list are the accolades that the industry, government and social sector enterprises have presented to the institute over the years. The enterprises that have been benefitted by the talent acquisition they have been effectively doing over the past so many decades, and they keep coming back to the IPE campus for more.

Quality education and the IPE success story

The long-term engagement IPE has with the management education scenario has been an example on what terrain the institutes that offer business education should tread on. With the industry all for the IPE brand of quality learning, the institute has also made it a point to update the content and teaching methodology of its courses. The feedback from students, alumni, employers and parents has been a catalyst for the reinvention of its curriculum in the best possible way.

That explains why IPE has been consistently been ranked among the leading B-Schools in India by the country's reputed organisations. The management education format that has undergone a change towards better quality and professionalism has made IPE a recipient of 'The South Asian Quality Assurance System' (SAQS), a premium accreditation label of the SAARC region.

Management education from IPE has turned out to be a prestigious affair for graduates passing out of various colleges across the country. Constantly reinventing its management education portfolio, the Hyderabad-based Institute of Public Enterprise stands foremost amongst the B-schools in the country.

RS polls: Congress, JD(S) play secular card on each other

Two JD(S) leaders visit Siddaramaiah seeking support to their party candidate

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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As the race for the fourth Rajya Sabha seat from Karnataka gets intense with candidates of all the three parties in the fray, both Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) are now using secularism card to "convince" each other to withdraw from the race to enable the defeat of the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate.

While a clear picture will emerge on the last date for withdrawal of nomination on Friday, the BJP currently seems to have an edge with higher number of additional votes and second preferential votes. This can, however, change if one of the candidates from the combined Opposition withdraws in favour of the other. Of the other three seats, BJP is set to win two and Congress one seat.

Lahar Singh Siroya (BJP), Mansoor Ali Khan (Congress), and Kupendra Reddy (JD-S) have filed nominations for the fourth seat. The elections are scheduled on June 10.

JD(S) leaders T.A. Sharavana and B.M. Farooq meeting Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru on Wednesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

An inconclusive meeting

A day after former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched a scathing attack on Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah for fielding the second Congress candidate, two JD(S) leaders T.A. Sharavana and B.M. Farooq took political circles by surprise by visiting Mr. Siddaramaiah at his residence seeking Congress's support to the JD(S) candidate.

"On direction from the party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda, we have appealed to the former Chief Minister to withdraw their candidate and support the JD(S). This will help the candidate from a secular party to win and thwart BJP's effort to get the fourth seat too," Mr. Sharavana told *The Hindu*. He also said that Mr. Siddaramaiah was non-committal since two more days were left for the withdrawal of nomination.

DKS's appeal

On the other, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar appealed to the JD(S) leaders to help the young Congress candidate win, which will help secular forces defeat the BJP. He also pointed out that Congress helped Mr. Gowda to sail through in earlier Rajya Sabha elections, and despite having more number of seats the Congress left the Chief Minister's post to JD(S) in coalition.

The Congress is learnt to have fielded the Muslim candidate to embarrass JD(S) by asking for support to prove its secular credential, and also force the BJP to field its third candidate. "If talks breakdown and the BJP candidate succeeds in the election, Congress would be to be blamed for sacrificing a Muslim candidate and also allowing BJP to win an extra seat," JD(S) Legislative Party Deputy Leader Bandeppa Kashempur said.

Meanwhile, JD(S) sources said they were confident that the Congress candidate will withdraw from fray, and that their top leadership will speak to the Congress's leadership again over the issue. "There will be more clarity once Mr. Kumaraswamy returns from Singapore."

BJP appoints Rajya Sabha poll in-charge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party, which is determined to ensure the victory of its third candidate in the Rajya Sabha polls, has appointed Union Minister Kishan Reddy as poll in-charge leader to evolve appropriate strategy and monitor the poll proceedings.

The party leadership is of the view that its third canidate Lahar Singh Siroya can win if there is no formal understanding between the Congress and JD (S), if there is no large-scale cross-voting. Each candidate requires 45 votes for victory. On this count, the BJP would be left with 32 votes after ensuring the victory of its first two candidates - Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and actor Jaggesh. "But 32 votes in addition to the second preferential votes are enough to ensure the victory of the third candidate if the candidates fielded by other parties get lesser votes than Mr. Singh," explained a BJP State leader, while referring to the thinking of the party leadership.

But the scenario is bound to change if there is any formal understanding between the Congress and the JD(S) or if there is any large scale cross-voting between the Congress and the JD(S), he noted.

Brijesh Kalappa quits Congress

He says he is 'lacking in passion'

SPECIAL CORRESONDENT
BENGALURU

In a setback to the Congress in Karnataka ahead of its two-day Chitan Shivir that starts on Thursday, Supreme Court advocate Brijesh Kalappa resigned from the primary membership of the party.

Mr. Kalappa joined the Congress in 1997. He quit the party saying he has been 'lacking in passion' in the recent past. His mentor former Union minister Kapil Sibal quit the Congress recently and is contesting the Rajya Sabha elections with the support of the Samajwadi Party.

In his letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, Mr. Kalappa said: "I have been representing the party in Hindi, English and Kannada

Brijesh Kalappa

TV channels (since the UPA years in 2013) for almost a decade, and have clocked 6,497 debates. Besides, the party has been regularly assigning political work to me, which I have performed to the best of my satisfaction. Regarding TV debates, I have done my very best at all times and have never ever appeared without adequate preparation for any debate. Even at the worst of times for the party in the aftermath of 2014 and 2019 debacles, I have never felt enervated, and lacking in energy and enthusiasm."

"But, in the recent past, I have been finding myself lacking in passion, while my own performance has been listless and perfunctory.

"It is under these circumstances that I am left with little option but to resign from the primary membership of the Indian National Congress, and to end an association that began in 1997." Mr. Kalappa thanked Ms. Gandhi for offering several opportunities in the party and in his home State of Karnataka. Mr. Kalappa served as the legal adviser to the Government of Karnataka with rank of Minister when the Congress was in power under the leadership of Siddaramaiah.

Mr. Kalappa's resignation comes days after former MLC Mukhyamantri Chandru resigned after being denied nomination to the Council.

Chintan Shivir begins today

Event will draw a roadmap to tackle current challenges

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Amidst differences among leaders on selection of candidates for Legislative Council and Rajya Sabha seats, the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee's two-day Chintan Shivir will commence here on Thursday to draw a roadmap to tackle the current challenges and strengthen the organisation to face the next year's State Legislative Assembly elections.

The Chintan Shivir, to be held at a resort on the outskirts of the city, is expected to review organisational capacity, and the current situation and challenges to confront the BJP in the coming elections to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, rural local bodies and finally the Assembly.

In tune with the Nav Sankalp Chintan Shivir of the party held in Udaipur last month, KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar has constituted six committees - Economic Affairs and Price Rise Committee, Social Justice and Empowerment Committee, Organisation Committee, Farmers and Agriculture Committee, Youth, Women, Education and Employment Committee, and Political Affairs and AICC Programme Implementation Committee.

These committees are expected to provide suggestions to take time-bound steps to hold programmes and mass protests against the BJP government.

A section of the leaders would also make an attempt to raise issues related to functioning of the party leaders, election committee of the KPCC, and criteria adopted for selection of candidates for the just concluded council elections and nomination of candidates for Rajya Sabha elections, to be held on June 10, sources in the party said.

Drying papad on Suvarna Soudha stairs costs worker her job

Pictures were shared widely on social media, leaving the State government embarrassed

RISHIKESH BAHADUR DESAI
BELAGAVI

A daily wage worker at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi has lost her job for drying papad on the steps of the structure.

Mallavva of Kondaskoppa village was employed by a contractor on daily wage basis to cut grass in front of Suvarna Soudha. On Tuesday, she spread a bedsheet on the steps of the Legislature building and put out papads to dry, as she worked on the lawn.

Deputy Commissioner Nitesh Patil speaking to maintenance staff at the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Wednesday. •P.K. BADIGER

This was noticed by some commuters on the National Highway who took pictures. The pictures were shared widely on social media with comments like "At least now someone found a way to utilise the mammoth building", and "The best use of Suvarna Soudha since it was constructed'".

The issue seemed to have embarrassed the State government. Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner, rushed to the spot and met PWD officers who were in charge of its maintenance. The PWD officers said that they had issued a notice to the labour contractor who had replied that Mallavva had been relieved of her duties. Human rights activists, however, have criticised the government's act. "What wrong has Mallavva done? It is common for all labourers and poor people to dry papad and other eatables in front of their homes or workplaces. Dismissing her from service is to insult the dignity of the working class," Bheemanagouda Patagonda, advocate and activist, said.

He said he was petitioning the government seeking her reinstatement.

'Submit appeals'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Justice K. Bhakthavatsala Commission of Inquiry, constituted to report on providing reservation for Backward Classes in Local Bodies, has asked people's representatives to submit appeals before June 8.

ಕೃಷ್ಣಾ ಭಾಗ್ಯ ಜಲ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಉದ್ದಿಮೆ)

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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CCB unearths telephone exchange scam

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The CCB, with the help of the telecom department officials, unearthed an international telephone exchange racket and arrested six persons.

The scam came to light when the telecom officials were probing a threat call to a Puttur-based man from an unidentified person from a foreign country using a local number. The CCB officials raided Icon Tours and Travels situated in Mahadevapura and arrested the six accused.

According to the police, the accused were operating the racket in five different places.

The accused would avail internet service from a leading private telecom company which would offer faster services for call centres. They purchased 180 landline devices and used them to convert Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) calls into local calls illegally using several devices.

They would buy SIM cards from U.P., M.P., West Bengal and other parts of the country to install them at SIM box device which could convert VOIP calls into local calls bypassing the security checks.

The accused rented a house in Chikkasandra on Hesaraghatta main road.

The police have seized 16 SIM box devices, 2 trunk call devices, 9 PRI (primary rate interface), five laptops, 2 desktops, 9 mobile sets, 6 routers and 25 BSNL SIM cards from them.

New Anubhava Mantapa project finally set to take off

The government has given its administrative approval to the revised estimate of ₹612 crore

KUMAR BURADIKATTI
KALABURAGI

An effort is being made to ensure that the New Anubhava Mantapa project at Basavakalyan in Bidar district – which had played a role in the mobilisation of Lingayat votes in favour of the BJP in the byelections to Basavakalyan and Maski Assembly constituencies and Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency held on April 17, 2021 – plays a role ahead of the Assembly elections next year too.

The government gave its administrative approval to the revised estimate of ₹612 crore for the project on Monday. Sources in the Basavakalyan Development Board (BKDB), assigned the task of implementing the project, said that the work order for the project would be issued on Thursday to the Pune-based B.G. Shirke Construction Pvt. Ltd.

"Since the foundation stone was already laid in January 2021 by the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, we are not following those formalities again. We will issue the work order to the contractor on Thursday and he would start the work on Friday," Mr. Govinda Reddy, Deputy Commissioner of Bidar, told *The Hindu*.

The officer said that the BKDB had 64 acres of the land in its procession for the project. The project is to be completed in three years. The BKDB has already received ₹200 crore which would be sufficient for almost one year. The government has assured that it would release the amount as the work progresses," Mr. Reddy said.

Artist's impression of the New Anubhava Mantapa to be built at Basavakalyan in Bidar district. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The project, which envisages a magnificent structure to showcase the 12th century Anubhava Mantapa, which is claimed to be the first Parliament of the world established in Basavakalyana (then called Kalyana), where Sharanas (poets and socio-spiritual reformers) deliberated for reforms, was first mooted by Siddaramaiah-headed Congress government in 2016. The Go.Ru. Channabasappa Committee constituted for the purpose submitted its project report in September 2017 at a cost of ₹600.44 crore.

Though the project got Cabinet nod in September 2019, it remained in cold storage till January 2021 when Mr. Yediyurappa hurriedly laid the foundation stone for it without the approved project report or the budgetary allocations for it, apparently with an eye on the byelections that were to be held a few months later.

It was only in March 2021 that the project got a partial allocation of ₹200 crore in the Budget he presented.

The BKDB submitted its revised estimate of ₹612 crore for the project on May 7, which was approved by the government on May 30.

As per the project prepared by Go. Ru. Channabasappa Committee, the component of the project is a six-floor magnificent building to be built in circular shape adopting the Kalyana Chalukya style of architecture. The 182-feet-high structure, standing on an 1,884-feet circumference, was designed to be supported by 770 pillars and house a mega auditorium having a seating capacity of 770 people - symbolising the 770 Sharanas who led the Vachana reformist movement in the 12th century.

"The project prepared by the Go. Ru. Channabasappa Committee is taken for implementation without any changes," Mr. Reddy said.

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1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELEGIBAL TENDERERS FOR FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22, 2) Amount of Estimate : Min. Rs. 51,87,786.44, Max. Rs. 66,27,660.00, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As Per e-Portal E.M.D. Min. Rs. 1,03,800.00, Max. Rs. 1,32,600.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : **10-06-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders : **13-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **14-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **15-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 9) Addl. Information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

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(Yeramarus Thermal Power Station)
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Following e-tender is published in GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under 'works' category for the work of **" YTPS-2 x 800 MW Design, engineering, fabrication, providing rubber lining, Painting, testing, supply and erection of 15 m3 HCL bulk storage tank " Last date & time for receipt of tender:** 04-06-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Opening of Bids:** 06-06-2022 at 17:00 hrs. **All relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal.** Further details can be had from the office of: The Executive Engineer (M3), YTPS, RPCL, Yeramarus 584134, Raichur District. Mobile: 9480682552 Telefax: 08532-286003

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

8th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

S.JAYA
Born: 01.03.1944 Died: 02.06.2014
It is Eight Years Since you left us, but you remain in our hearts forever
Fondly Remembered by
Husband, Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Grandchildren & Relatives
May your soul rest in peace and bestow happiness in our lives
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DEATH

OBITUARY

Shri R.H. Sawkar
1934-2022

With Profound grief we inform the demise of Secretary General Geological society of India, Director MSPL Limited , former director HGML on 1st June 2022 at 8:40 am IST due to Cardio pulmonary arrest.

- Beavering members of the family and friends.

As protests mount, BJP leaders launch counter-attack

Education Minister will submit report today, says Bommai, but the former is away in Gujarat for a conclave

KARNATAKA BUREAU
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TEXTBOOK REVISION ROW

Protests against revised school textbooks continued on Wednesday, while the ruling BJP also started a campaign to support the textbook revision committee headed by Rohit Chakrathirtha.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in Mangaluru that Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh is expected to submit his report on the textbook review process on Thursday and a decision on the review will be taken thereafter. However, this appears unlikely with Mr. Nagesh being away at Gujarat for an Education Minister's conclave.

While people objecting to the review process, the way it was carried out and the contents therein, many others have supported the review process saying what had been done was perfectly right, Mr. Bommai said.

Pressure from seers

Meanwhile, pressure from religious seers against the textbook content escalated, with Lingayat seers condemning the "errors" and "lies" in the introduction to the life and work of Basavanna in the revised Social Science textbook.

In a letter written by the Forum of Heads of Lingayat Maths and addressed to Basavaraj Bommai, Basavalinga Pattadevaru, head of Bhalki Hiremath in Bidar district and the president of the forum, warned of statewide agitation if the government fails to correct the content.

The day also saw two more writers – H.S. Anupama and Du Saraswathi – writing to the Education Department withdrawing their consent to include their lessons in textbooks.

Complaint by activist

In Bengaluru, social activist B.T. Naganna on Wednesday filed a complaint with the Cubbon Park police against Mr. Chakrathirtha seeking legal action against him for allegedly insulting the Nadageethe (State anthem).

In his complaint, Mr. Naganna alleged that Mr. Chakrathirtha had said demeaning things about the country and the State and such a person should not be holding a responsible position.

In a counter to these developments, several BJP leaders launched a virulent attack on the writers and activists raising objections to textbook revision.

Attack on writers

In Mysuru, MP Pratap Simha lashed out at writers who have kicked up a row over the revision of school textbooks. He said opposition to the textbook revision is coming from litterateurs who were "beholden to the Congress party."

He claimed that Baragur Ramachandrappa had not come up with any literary work worth remembering in the last 20 years while the youth were done with reading the works of Devanur Mahadeva. He was scathing on writer G. Ramakrishna and said he had "wrongly" portrayed freedom-fighter and martyr Bhagat Singh.

15 NSUI members detained

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The police registered a case against members of National Students' Union of India (NSUI) for allegedly attacking the residence of Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh in Tiptur on Wednesday.

The police detained 15 members, including the president and vice-president, who allegedly tried to set fire to RSS uniform on the premises, injuring a policeman on duty. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra visited the house. Meanwhile, security has also been provided to Rohith Chakrathirtha, chairperson of the textbook revision committee, following protests against him. Several BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, took to Twitter to condemn the incident.

Centre hands over 10 stolen idols to Tamil Nadu govt.

Eight bronze and two stone sculptures were retrieved; six antiquities were brought from the U.S. and four from Australia

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Ten idols dating back to the 10th Century CE that were stolen from Tamil Nadu temples, starting from the 1960s till 2008, were on Wednesday handed over by the Centre to the State government at a ceremony in New Delhi.

The Union Culture Ministry, which along with the Ministry of External Affairs had retrieved the idols from the United States and Australia in 2020, 2021 and 2022, handed over the antiquities to Tamil Nadu Director-General of Police C. Sylendra Babu.

The returned antiquities included two stone sculptures of Dwarapalas dating back to the 15th-16th Century CE that were stolen from a temple in Tirunelveli district in 1994, according to the Culture Ministry. Both the sculptures were retrieved from Australia in 2020. Two metal idols of Kanakalamurti and Nandikeshava stolen from Narasinganadhar Swamy temple in Tirunelveli district in 1985 were retrieved from the U.S.

A bronze sculpture of Nataraja dating back to 11th-12th Century CE that was stolen from the strong room of Punnainallur Arulmigu Mariyamman Temple of Thanjavur district between 1966-77 was found in the Asia Society Museum located in New York, as also the bronze idols of Siva and Parvati belonging to Vanmiganadhar Swamy Temple in Thanjavur district from a museum from Indiana.

The Idol wing, through the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), successfully retrieved the idols of four-armed Vishnu and Sri Devi, which were stolen from the Varadharaja Perumal Temple of Suthamally village in Ariyalur district. Both these idols were also kept in a museum in New York.

Heritage restored A Nataraja idol was among the 10 retrieved antique goods handed over to Tamil Nadu government during a ceremony in New Delhi on Wednesday. • PTI

The two metal idols of saint Sambandar in child form, of which one idol was stolen from the Sayavaneeswarar temple of Nagapattinam district, and the other yet to be identified to which temple, were returned by the Australian government.

In total, eight bronze and two stone sculptures were returned. Six of the idols were retrieved from the U.S. and four from Australia.

'All credit to PM'

Speaking at the ceremony, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy said the Narendra Modi government had brought back 238 stolen antiquities in its eight years in office, as opposed to 13 in the period from Independence till 2013. He said Mr. Modi's personal relationships and warm ties with world leaders had helped in the process. "All the credit goes to our Prime Minister," Mr. Reddy said. The Minister added that there was a plan to return retrieved antiquities to their home States. "Our attempt has been to position culture in our lives rather than in museums," he said.

Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi earlier said there was a large transnational smuggling racket and that there were security issues at some temples. She said the process to bring back the antiquities was a result of "cooperative federalism". Earlier, Mr. Babu said the value of these antiquities had sky-rocketed in recent years. He said the Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu had been set up in 1983 to investigate cases of theft of idols over ₹5 lakh in value and had retrieved 878 idols so far.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, south Interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, Konkan & Goa and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	8	34.8	25.8	Kozhikode	134	33.5	24.0
Ahmedabad	–	43.3	27.5	Kurnool	–	38.9	25.3
Aizawl	1	27.8	21.5	Lucknow	–	41.9	30.2
Allahabad	–	44.2	29.6	Madurai	–	39.0	25.5
Bengaluru	3.4	39.8	21.2	Mangaluru	0.8	30.0	23.9
Bhopal	–	43.1	28.0	Mumbai	–	34.0	29.0
Bhubaneswar	–	35.9	27.9	Mysuru	–	33.0	21.4
Chandigarh	–	43.5	25.3	New Delhi	–	41.9	24.9
Chennai	–	40.0	29.1	Patna	–	38.6	28.5
Coimbatore	–	33.7	23.0	Port Blair	–	32.5	26.2
Dehradun	2	38.7	21.4	Puducherry	–	38.2	26.3
Gangtok	–	23.2	16.4	Pune	–	34.5	25.1
Goa	–	33.7	26.8	Raipur	5.4	43.5	23.0
Guwahati	1	34.5	26.0	Ranchi	–	37.2	25.4
Hubballi	–	33.0	22.0	Shillong	2	24.5	17.1
Hyderabad	0.2	37.9	24.6	Shimla	–	32.4	21.4
Imphal	–	30.8	22.0	Srinagar	–	25.2	13.8
Jaipur	–	42.5	30.6	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.8	25.1
Kochi	–	29.8	24.6	Tiruchi	–	37.1	26.5
Kohima	28	24.8	16.7	Vijayawada	–	42.8	29.0
Kolkata	–	34.0	28.3	Visakhapatnam	–	34.2	29.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	19	27	52	113	119	
Bengaluru	33	–	46	89	101	
Chennai	25	20	55	52	63	
Delhi	27	157	59	287	396	
Hyderabad	6	102	14	–	66	
Kolkata	19	15	19	113	122	
Lucknow	6	74	38	261	179	
Mumbai	5	16	9	115	111	
Pune	–	22	51	109	92	
Visakhapatnam	14	33	10	87	137	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 386 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. D S ARUNA D/o. Suryanarayana, aged about 67 years, Residing at No. # 1004, Kanakadhara, 9th Main, Near BDA Complex, 7th Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore- 560 102, AADHAAR NO. 6897 4014 6352.

My client declares that her brother Raghavendra D. S. died on 03.09.2018, that the death Certificate issued by the Chief Registrar of Birth and deaths dated 12.09.2018 is wrongly mentioned as his wife name as KAVITHA. She declares that her brother Raghavendra D S is not married the same he has Declares in the Family tree dated 24.08.2012 and affixed his signature.

If Anybody Having Objections or claims for the above mentioned information may lodge their Objections with the undersigned in writing with Supporting documents within (SEVEN) days from the date of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and if no such objections or claims are received within the said period my Clients will proceed to remove the wrong name in the death certificate.

C. JAYANTHI - Advocate
Legal Advice Workstead
NO. 764/A, 19th Main,
22nd Cross,
2nd Sector HSR Layout,
Bangalore - 560102.
Mobile No. 9035797090.

Bangalore
Date: 30.05.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **Smt. MOHSINA NAWAL D/o. Syed Ismail,** residing at No. 167, Silver Lake Terrace, Richmond Road, Bangalore has lost the Original Sale Deed document No.TP 70819681/2019 in respect of Agr. Dry land, Bearing Sy.No. 344/3, Sub-Division, No. 344/3A, extent of 2 Acre 20 cents, described in the schedule which document was lost on 27.5.2022 while in Transit, and a lost report is filed vide No. 0231573/2022.
Anyone finding the said original document in future may contact the undersigned advocate in this behalf.

SCHEDULE:

All that Agricultural dry land situate at Bergai village, Revenue District of Krishnagiri, Taluk of Shoolagiri Registration District of Krishnagiri, Hosur Taluk in Tamilnadu Sy.No. 344/3, Dry Extent Acres 2.20 (2 Acres 20 Cents) in New Sub-Division Sy. No. 344/3A.

MEER HASSAN,
Advocate,
No. 96, 11th Cross,
Someshwarnagar, 1st Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.
Mob: 93434 76675

Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura
e-Procurement Tender Notification
No.: 05/2022-23 Date: 20.05.2022
(Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW – III Rules.)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement in Two Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works in the limits of Chikkaballapura division from authorized Contractors enrolled in appropriate class in PWD. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** (1) Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule – B in website: **20.06.2022 up to 16.30 hours.** (2) Date of opening Technical Bid: **21.06.2022 after 16.35 hours.** (3) Date of opening Financial Bid: **23.06.2022 after 11.30 hours (If Possible).** (4) Application Fee (Non-returnable): As per e-procurement Rules.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P. R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura

ಮಾಹಿತಿಯಂತೆ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 106/ಎಂ.ಬಿ/2022-23

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BANGALORE GOLF CLUB
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the members of the Club will be held on Monday the 27th June 2022 at 3.00 p.m at the New Club House premises to transact the business mentioned in the notice which is under dispatch to members.

By order of the Managing Committee
Sd/-
Place: Bangalore — RAVI KUMAR RAJU G
Date: 02.06.2022 — Hon. Secretary

BANGALORE GOLF CLUB
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that 144th & 145th Annual General Meeting and Elections for the New Managing Committee will be held on Monday the 27th June 2022 at 4.00 p.m. at the New Club House premises to transact the business mentioned in the notice which is under dispatch to members.

By order of the Managing Committee
Sd/-
Place: Bangalore — RAVI KUMAR RAJU G
Date: 02.06.2022 — Hon. Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **(1) BASMA NIHAL (2) SYED NABEEL,** Children of **Syed Ismail,** residing at No. 167, Silver Lake Terrace, Richmond Road, Bangalore have lost the Original Sale Deed bearing No. 19558/2013, in respect of the property of my clients bearing Agricultural land in Sy. No. 344/3, Situated at Bergai Village, measuring 0.47 cents, described in the schedule which document was lost on 29.5.2022 while in transit and a lost report is filed vide No. 0233077/2022.
Anyone finding the said original document in future may contact the undersigned advocate in this behalf.

SCHEDULE:

All that Agricultural dry land situate at Bergai village Revenue District of Krishnagiri, Taluk of Shoolagiri, Registration District of Krishnagiri, Sub-Registration District of Hosur, Tamilnadu, in Survey No. 344/3, and Dry Extent of land measuring 0.47 Cents.)

MEER HASSAN,
Advocate,
No. 96, 11th Cross,
Someshwarnagar, 1st Block,
Jayanagar, Bangalore-560 011.
Mob: 93434 76675

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners, (1). Mrs. Vivienne Collete Roberts, W/o. late Mr. Rajkumar George Roberts, aged about 77 years, (2). Mr. Praveen Paul Roberts, S/o. late Mr. Rajkumar George Roberts, aged about 47 years, (3). Mr. Rakesh Gerard Roberts, S/o. late Mr. Rajkumar George Roberts, aged about 45 years, all residing at No. 89, 4th Cross, Ramaiah Layout, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru 560 084, [hereinafter referred to as "Sellers"] for valuable consideration. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within **10 days** from the date of this publication. In the event no claim[s] is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to aforesaid Sellers' right, title and interest in the Schedule Property and proceed with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Eastern portion of property bearing BBMP Katha No. 15, PID 89-336-15, [Previously bearing V. P. House List No. 2191, situated at Kacharakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore] now situated at I Cross, Vinayaka Temple Road, Kacharakanahalli, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring about 2500 Sq. Ft and bounded on the East by Private Property, West by Remaining portion of BBMP Katha No. 15, North by Road, South by Private Property.

A. Venkoba Rao,
AVR Associates, Advocates
No. 34, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross,
2nd Main Road, Indiranagar I Stage,
Bengaluru 560038.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr.(M)/BRAZ/EE/AEE-2/F-T6/2022-23/914 — Date: 01.06.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tenders for the following work.

Enquiry No.:KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BRAZ/ NG Hulkur Addnal SWG/EPR-702 dtd:25.05.2022 for the"Work of Enhancement of 2x8 MVA, 66/11 KV Power Transformers by 2X12.5 MVA, 66/11KV Power Transformers with 4Nos of PCVCB (11KV) Outdoor Breakers and its accessories at 66/11KV N.G.Hulkur Sub-station, TL&SS Kolar Division, Bangarpet Taluk, Kolar District in BRAZ Circle on Partial Turnkey & Percentage Basis."

For more information regarding the subject tender can be had by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.06.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.)
Transmission (M), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL,
U.A.S Campus, Hebbala, Bengaluru-560 024.

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ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 18ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560012

ಸಂ: ಪಪೂಶಿಇ/ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ/ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ಸ್/05/2020-21 — ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.05.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ನಿಧಿ ಪತಿಯಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಆನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ಸ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ **95** ಸರಕಾರಿ ಪದವಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ತಲಾ **06**ರಂತೆ **570** ಆಲ್-ಇನ್-ಒನ್ ಗಣಕಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ **UPS**ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **27.06.2022**ರ ಸಂಜೆ **5:00** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-, ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು (ಆಡಳಿತ)
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Government of Karnataka
(Department of Public Instruction)
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No: A7/KTBS/Shi.Tri.Mo.Mu.Tender/07/2022-23 — Date: 01.06.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

Short-term Tenders are invited under Two Bid System on Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform from eligible printers, having Infrastructure as specified in the Tender Document to print and supply about **5645 Teachers** training module books for Kamataka State for the Year 2022-23.
Eligible printers may offer their bidding up to **5.30 P.M. on 09.06.2022.** Tender document is made available in e-portal as well as department website e-Procurement portal address: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Portal Help line: **080-46010000 / 080-22631200** Department Website: **https://www.ktbs.kar.nic.in**

Sd/-Managing Director
Karnataka Text Book Society, Bengaluru.

Government of Karnataka
(URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)
District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar
Phone / Fax : 08226-223761 Email : dudcchamarajanagar@gmail.com

No. DUDC/SWM/DPR/CR/452/2017-18 — Date : 30-05-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites tenders from the eligible Contractors Registered at Public Works Department for executing "Construction of Composting shed in Landfill Site of Gundlupet TMC limits of Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka under Swachh Bharat Mission through E-Procurement Portal interested bidders who wish to participate can download the tender form, submit the tenders through **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on payment of necessary tender fee and earnest money deposit in the form prescribed in the E-Procurement portal and tender document. (Amount put to Tender is 150.42 Lakhs, E.M.D. Amount 2.26 Lakhs)

1. E-Procurement Indent No. DUDC/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT131778
2. Availability of tender documents up to 17:00 hours on 08.06.2022
3. Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled on 02-06-2022 at 11:00 hours at # 127, District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District.
4. Last date for submission of tenders upto 17:00 hours on 08-06-2022
5. Technical bid open on 17:00 hours on 09-06-2022
6. For further details go through tender document or contact Office of the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamarajanagar.

DIPR : CHANAGAR:95:2022-23

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(W&M)/C/MRB/EE|O|AEE-2/T-64/22-23/921-25 — Date:31.05.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender vide **Bid Enquiry No. SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/DCA/EE(O)/AEE-2/T-64/Repair of Power Transformer_100MVA, 220/66/11KV Badeladaku(Kudligi)** for the work of "Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and Commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 100MVA, 220/66/11KV, CGL Make, SL. No. T-10418/2 **at 220/66/11KV Substation Badeladaku(Kudligi)** in 220kV R/S Division, KPTCL, Ittagi, in Kudligi Taluk, Vijayanagara District" on Total Turnkey basis.

Tenders will be received through e-Procurement mode only. The detailed Notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "eProcurement-KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 02.06.2022 at 11:00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad -583 233
Tele-Fax: 08539-270094

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of **Mr. Purushotham K Patel Son of K J Patel,** aged about 57 Years residing at **J K Kunj, 180/3, Outer Ring Road, Banaswadi, Bangalore North, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore 560043** with respect to the land situated Survey no: 109/7 (Old Sy No: 109/1) situated at Horamavu Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangaloremore particularly described in the "Schedule of Property" mentioned hereunder.

Any person(s) having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Scheduled Property prejudicial to the interest of the Owner, to submit all their objections and claims in writing along with supportive documentary proofs thereof, to the undersigned within a period of **10 (Ten) days** of the date of publication of this notice to the address mentioned herein below, failing which it will be presumed that no adverse claims or objections concerning the Schedule Property exist or if they do exist, they stand waived hereinafter; and in such event the title of the Landowner in relation to their respective ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from any encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Survey no: 109/7 (Old Sy No: 109/1) situated at Horamavu Village, KrishnarajapuraHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring about 11 ½ guntas and bounded by:
East by: **Railway property.** West by: **Remaining portion of 109/1. (Private Property)** North by: **Remaining portion of 109/1. (Private Property)** South by: **Private Property and road.**

KNS LEGAL, Advocates And Solicitors
No. 11/3-5, 2nd Floor, Palace Loop Road,
Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 052
Email- manoj@noveloffice.in
Contact No. **9845064756**

Date: 31/05/2022
Place: Bengaluru

Choppy waters

The economy's post-COVID recovery is far from complete; spurring consumption is key

India's gross domestic product (GDP) is reckoned to have grown 8.7% while the Gross Value Added (GVA) rose 8.1% in 2021-22, as per national income estimates released on Tuesday. Coming on the back of the sharp decline in economic activity due to the COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020-21, when GDP crashed 6.6% and GVA by 4.8%, the latest numbers show India is emerging out of the tunnel of pandemic-induced woes. The overall GDP and GVA have indeed recovered from pre-pandemic levels, but only just, by 1.5% and 2.9%, respectively. Remember that growth had already been on a steady decline through 2019-20 even before the lockdowns of 2020 – with GDP growing just 3.7%. The Government's assertion that the data establish a 'full economic recovery' is not entirely true. For one, it is not a V-shaped recovery, with GVA from job-creating sectors (trade and hotels) still 11.3% below 2019-20's low levels. This has kept the services sector, as a whole, in line with pre-COVID levels, not above. While GVA from industry is up 6.7% over 2019-20, another job creating sector, construction, is up only 3.4%, while mining has grown a meagre 1.9% over the two-year period. Manufacturing lifted the industry GVA, growing 9.3% from 2019-20 levels, but there are cracks on that front – the January to March 2022 quarter (Q4 of 2021-22) recorded a 0.2% contraction, year-on-year. Overall GDP growth slipped to a four-quarter low of 4.1% in Q4, down from 5.4% in Q3, evoking flashbacks of the 2019-20 slowdown and raising concerns about the trajectory going forward.

With reluctant demand, supply-chain and input cost woes hurting manufacturing, agriculture (that grew at a five-quarter high of 4.1%) and public administration services (whose growth dipped to 7.7% from 16.7% in Q3) lifted the Q4 numbers amid slower growth in Services and Mining over Q3, and a mild 2% uptick in Construction. A recovery in investment demand, helped by the Government's capital spending, is a silver lining, but the lingering concern is that consumption remains troubled, and unless it recovers, private investments will remain aloof as will sustainable high growth. Private final consumption expenditure grew 7.9% in 2021-22, but it was just ₹1.2 lakh crore or 1.4% over 2019-20. Worse, as inflation flared up, households' consumption growth has steadily dropped through 2021-22, growing a mere 1.8% in Q4. Price rise, combined with higher interest rates, could squeeze middle class disposable incomes and dampen consumption further. Yes, India is the fastest growing major economy and likely to remain so in 2022-23. But the rising tide in the past year has not been enough to lift all boats stranded in the detritus of the pandemic and the slowdown that preceded it. The waters are choppy with war and recession worries in the developed world.

Safety first

Nepal should not sacrifice aviation safety for the sake of commercial tourism

The grim images of the wreckage of a Tara Air de Havilland DHC-6-300 Twin Otter aircraft in Nepal have once again highlighted the complexities of ensuring aviation safety in one of the most challenging environments in the world, and in regulating the mountain nation's Short Take-off and Landing (STOL) flights that are a tourist draw. The plane with 22 passengers, including an Indian family, was on an 'air trek' along the scenic yet aerially treacherous Pokhara to Jomsom route on Sunday when it lost radar contact at around 13,000 feet. STOL operations call for well-honed piloting skills, and as 3-D terrain maps of the flight path show, danger lurks in every corner in the form of jagged peaks, narrow passes and fickle weather. The small unpressurised craft used in this sector operate at a ceiling of 13,000 feet and are airborne for a short duration – oxygen supplies are needed for all passengers if flights exceed over 30 minutes above 13,000 ft. Flights are characterised by manoeuvres of 90 degree turns in valleys that have at times just wing length clearance. And as in any competitive tourism market crowded with various STOL operators, there are many pressures that can tell on the crew: commercial stress points such as not having wasted fuel moments and ensuring passenger contentment by pushing the envelope of crucial visual flight rules (VFR). Not following VFR is cited as the main cause of accidents in Nepal's STOL operations.

So, is Nepal pushing the boundaries in air safety? Data put out by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal show domestic air travel having risen by 15.45% in 2018, though registering a dip in 2019-20 largely on account of travel restrictions following the global COVID-19 pandemic. But, interestingly, country data over the past 10 years have shown a sharp drop in the accident rate in general, the only blip being a rise in helicopter incidents with growing copter operations in logistics, relief and rescue, and tourism. In the same timeframe, the STOL sector has seen a higher rate of accidents than trunk route air operations; of the 19 accidents, 16 were STOL aircraft. Accident analysis has shown Controlled Flight into Terrain, Runway excursions and Loss of Control In-flight as the leading causes. A more realistic check lies in the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme of the International Civil Aviation Organization monitoring safety oversight obligations by all 193 member-states (as of June 2020), in which Nepal's scores – it last participated in the programme in 2017 – dropped in 'Organization' and 'Accident Investigation'. In an era of improving global air safety, Nepal needs to scale a crucial summit by working on pending legislation that unbundles its civil aviation body into a regulator and service provider, paving the way for a full-fledged safety system, and in turn enabling safer STOL operations.

A case for community-oriented health services

The recent global recognition for India's ASHAs should be used as a chance to iron out the challenges in the programme

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India's one million Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) volunteers have received arguably the biggest international recognition in form of the World Health Organization's Global Health Leaders Awards 2022. The ASHAs were among the six awardees announced at the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. This World Health Organization (WHO) award is in recognition of the work done by ASHA volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic as well as for serving as a link between communities and health systems.

It is important to note that even before the COVID-19 pandemic, ASHAs have made extraordinary contributions towards enabling increased access to primary health-care services; i.e. maternal and child health including immunisation and treatment for hypertension, diabetes and tuberculosis, etc., for both rural and urban populations, with special focus on difficult-to-reach habitations. Over the years, ASHAs have played an outstanding role in making India polio free, increasing routine immunisation coverage; reducing maternal mortality; improving new-born survival and in greater access to treatment for common illnesses.

Genesis of the programme

India launched the ASHA programme in 2005-06 as part of the National Rural Health Mission. Initially rolled out in rural areas, with the launch of the National Urban Health Mission in 2013, it was extended to urban settings as well. Each of these women-only volunteers work with a population of nearly 1,000 people in rural and 2,000 people in urban areas, with flexibility for local adjustments. The core of the ASHA programme has been an intention to build the capacity of community members in taking care of their own health and being partners in health services.

The ASHA programme was inspired from the learnings from two past initiatives: one from the late 1970s and the other of the early 2000s. In 1975, a WHO monograph titled 'Health by the people' and then in 1978, an international conference on primary health care in Alma Ata (in the then USSR and now in Kazakhstan), gave emphasis for countries recruiting community health workers to strengthen primary health-care services that were participatory and people centric. Soon after, many countries launched community health worker programmes under different names. In India, they were called community health volunteers. However, within a few years of implementation, the community health volunteer scheme met many hurdles and evaluations which followed, indicating that a key reason for sub-optimal success was a failure of community health volunteers to make a community connect (in fact, people did not perceive them to be any different from existing government staff). The lack of political will was another factor behind scaling down, before the community health volunteer programme was forgotten.

The biggest inspiration for designing the ASHA programme came from the Mitanin (meaning 'a female friend' in Chhattisgarhi) initiative of Chhattisgarh, which had started in May 2002. The Mitanin were/are all-female volunteers available for every 50 households and 250 people. Public health experts and civil society organisations who had first-hand experience in developing and designing the Mitanin programme were also involved in developing the ASHA programme.

The ASHA programme was well thought through and deliberated with public health specialists and community-based organisations from the beginning. One, the ASHA selection involved key village stakeholders to ensure community ownership for the initiatives and forge a partnership. Two, ASHAs coming from the same village where they worked had an

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aim to ensure familiarity, better community connect and acceptance. Three, the idea of having activists in their name was to reflect that they were/are the community's representative in the health system, and not the lowest-rung government functionary in the community (as was the perception with the erstwhile community health volunteer, a few decades ago). Four, calling them volunteers was partly to avoid a painfully slow process for government recruitment and to allow an opportunity to implement performance-based incentives in the hope that this approach would bring about some accountability. A practical aspect was that performance-based incentives were being rolled out for the first time in the health services on such a scale. The thinking was that it would be easier to implement performance-based incentives under a new programme and a new workforce rather than for the existing government staff.

Since the launch of ASHA initiatives, many reviews and field assessments have documented successes and learnings. Public health experts have unusual consensus that ASHAs have become pivotal to nearly every health initiative at the community level and are integral to demand side interventions for health services in India.

A partnership, hurdles

However, the programme has had its own set of challenges, which have been tackled proactively and in a timely manner, through sustained political will and by creating institutional mechanisms, i.e. community actions for health and ASHA mentoring groups. For example, when newly-appointed ASHAs struggled to find their way and coordinate things within villages and with the health system, their linkage with two existing health and nutrition system functionaries – Anganwadi workers (AWW) and Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) as well as with panchayat representatives and influential community members at the village level – was facilitated. This resulted in an all-women partnership, or A-A-A: ASHA, AWW and ANM, of three frontline functionaries at the village level, that worked together to facilitate health and nutrition service delivery to the community. Platforms such as village health, sanitation and nutrition committees were created, for coordination and service delivery. In the process, the trio became a well-recognised and respected face of primary health-care services to the community; their working together ensured greater internal accountability. In 2022, it is difficult to imagine how India would have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic had the ASHAs, AWWs and ANMs not toiled.

Yet, there are ongoing challenges that need urgent resolution. Among the A-A-A, ASHAs are the only ones who do not have a fixed salary; they do not have opportunity for career progression. Though performance-based incentives are supplemented by a fixed amount in a few Indian States, the total payment continues to remain low and often delayed. These issues have resulted in dissatisfaction, regular agitations and protests by ASHAs in many States of India.

The global recognition for ASHAs should be used as an opportunity to review the programme afresh, from a solution perspective. First, Indian States need to develop mechanisms for higher remuneration for ASHAs. The performance-based incentives should not be interpreted that ASHAs – no matter how much and how hard they work – need to be paid the lowest of all health functionaries. If they work more, the system should allow them to be paid more than even regular government staff.

Second, it is time that in-built institutional mechanisms are created for capacity-building and avenues for career progression for ASHAs to move to other cadres such as ANM, public health nurse and community health officers are opened. A few Indian States have started such initiatives but these are smaller in scale and at nascent stages.

External review needed

Third, extending the benefits of social sector services including health insurance (for ASHAs and their families) should be considered. The possibility of ASHAs automatically being entitled and having access to a broad range of social welfare schemes needs to be institutionalised.

Fourth, while the ASHA programme has benefitted from many internal and regular reviews by the Government, an independent and external review of the programme needs to be given urgent and priority consideration.

Fifth, there are arguments for the regularisation of many temporary posts in the National Health Mission and making ASHAs permanent government employees. Considering the extensive shortage of staff in the workforce at all levels, and more so in the primary health-care system in India, and an ongoing need for functions being undertaken by ASHAs, it is a policy option that is worth serious consideration. Alongside, there is a need to acknowledge that the specific functions at the village level, which ASHAs play, may not be ideally suited for a permanent position. However, finding a middle path would not be very difficult either.

The WHO award for ASHA volunteers is a proud moment and also a recognition of every health functionary working for the poor and the underserved in India. It is an acknowledgement of the role and the relevance of people-centric primary health-care services. It is a reminder and an opportunity to further strengthen the ASHA programme for a stronger and community-oriented primary health-care system, which will prepare India for future epidemics and pandemics as well.

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The challenge of reforming death penalty sentencing

Lower courts must comply with the Supreme Court's decision in 'Manoj' enabling an informed sentencing inquiry

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There has been an intense and persistent crisis in the fairness of administering the death penalty in India for many decades now that has been acknowledged in judgments of the Supreme Court of India, by former judges, lawyers, researchers, etc. At the heart of that crisis has been the concern that there is a pervasive arbitrariness in sentencing procedures that impose the death penalty, and a significant concern has been that barely any relevant information about the accused enters the courtroom during the sentencing phase. The Court's recent judgment in *Manoj and Ors. vs State of MP* seeks to address this long ignored yet critical aspect of death penalty sentencing. This specific attempt in *Manoj* must be seen with the Court's apparent discomfort over the last year with procedural unfairness in sentencing being carried out by the lower courts.

Individualised sentencing

The constitutionality of the death penalty was upheld in 1980 in *Bachan Singh vs State of Punjab*, which greatly emphasised 'individualised sentencing' and called upon courts to consider the 'crime' and the circumstances of the accused. However, since *Bachan Singh* there have been disagreements on which cases warrant the imposition of the death penalty and the nature of information about the accused relevant for sentencing. With a vast majority of prisoners being poor, quality legal representation has always been a concern. As a result, very little attempt is made to collect sentencing information, and very little is known about the accused while sentencing.

Since September 2021, during Justice N.V. Ramana's tenure as the Chief Justice of India, three Benches of the Supreme Court heard arguments in 13 death penalty appeals and delivered judgments in 10 of these cases, resulting in three acquittals in one case and commutations in the rest. A common thread running across these decisions is a deep and acute concern surrounding the procedural fairness on the imposition of the death penalty and the lack of adequate information about the accused.

The Bench headed by Justice U.U. Lalit (and also comprising Justices Ravindra Bhat, Bela Trivedi and P.S. Narasimha) has been particularly concerned over the lack of information about the accused. Recognising the centrality of such information for a fair sentencing process, the Bench passed an order in *Manoj* in September 2021 calling for reports of the probation officers, prison officers and mental health professionals. In the final judgment delivered recently, the Supreme Court took important steps towards realising an 'individualised sentencing enquiry'

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as envisaged by the court in *Bachan Singh* 42 years ago.

Scope of mitigation

Sentencing happens after an accused has been found guilty of the crime. Here, the circumstances of the accused are considered. This requires a broad-based inquiry as scientific theories no longer see the accused as individuals who, out of their free-will, make "bad choices" unhindered by their past or present circumstances. Contemporary understanding of criminogenic factors among scholars and researchers focuses on analysing past social histories, behaviours and life circumstances of the accused as human behaviour is a product of a complex interplay of personal and environmental factors.

There have been important efforts by courts to bring forth such information. However, the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Manoj* is significant for two reasons: first, it indicates a shift towards an evidence-based inquiry to sentencing that invites expert opinions and reports from a wide range of disciplines. Second, it expands the scope of mitigating factors by calling for reports that bring forth pre-offence details such as socio-economic status, education, family background and also post-offence details such as the conduct of the prisoner in prison. Mitigating factors pertain to life circumstances of an individual that can help determine punishment. Crucial to understanding the relevance of mitigating factors is connecting it to a framework that allows for contextualising it to the individual's life choices and moral culpability, which is the essence of a just sentence.

Life-history approach

The life-history approach provides one such framework that enables a view of life circumstances of an individual as interconnected to each other. Socio-economic circumstances, for instance, have been recognised as a mitigating factor by courts in various death penalty cases. What makes it compelling is when it is seen as interconnected to other factors, i.e. to see how poverty impacts a particular individual's access to housing, education and health care, which subsequently impacts and shapes their life choices.

It is a first for the Supreme Court to have laid down that information such as early family background that brings out any history of violence or neglect (also known as remote factors or experiences) is a relevant mitigating factor. Such negative experiences usually accumulate over time and therefore, the life-history approach is uniquely suited to such an inquiry. It provides insights into how early life circumstances shape an individual's character and affect their actions as adults.

While one hopes that the procedure adopted by the Supreme Court in nuancing sentencing in death penalty cases would be followed by lower courts, the real challenge would emerge with equipping courts to understand such rich information. The traditional checklist-based approach of presenting mitigation severely deviates from the requirements of individualised sentencing which is the most fundamental principle of the criminal justice system. Further, keeping in mind the introduction of non-legal expertise into courtrooms, courts will need to equip themselves to appreciate the evidence so presented. Questions on conflicting findings in reports and opinions presented to the court during sentencing would also need to be addressed keeping in mind existing evidentiary standards and judicial dicta, which suggests courts must not be constrained by confines of the evidence act in capital sentencing.

The decision in *Manoj* is indeed a positive step towards a more meaningful and informed sentencing inquiry. However, further inquiry into the complex questions around sentencing will be inevitable to ensure procedural fairness for those under the sentence of death.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Aadhaar concerns

Though the Aadhaar card has been described as a preferred 'Know Your Customer' document, but not a mandatory one, the general rule in India that is being applied is that Aadhaar is being granted the status of a mandatory document in identifying an individual. It is impossible to open a bank account or even purchase a mobile phone sim card unless one has one's Aadhaar. The ambivalence of the Unique Identification Authority of India does raise serious questions about the security of millions.

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■ The need to mask the last four digits of the Aadhaar card should have been taken much earlier if the aim was to protect card holder privacy. With millions of people having already shared the full number to avail services such as mobile telephony, bank facilities, filing IT returns, or even getting a cooking gas connection, much of the data is already in the public domain. The authorities have always claimed that the security of Aadhaar was stronger than a fortress. This is the age of cyber threats and ransomware, and the Government now reluctantly concedes that there could be risks. How strange! The linking of Aadhaar to Voter ID is another lingering issue as an Aadhaar card is not proof of citizenship. There are no clear guidelines on the need to produce one's Aadhaar card; when demanded, many do so meekly. The guidelines on masking the last four digits are not as simple and easy for the elderly, who may not be so net-savvy and may be compelled to approach a third party for assistance, breaching privacy. If there is a pressing need, the authorities should issue another card with the last four digits masked or issue a separate ID for general use.

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The UPSC examination

It is remarkable that the three toppers in UPSC 2021 are women from different parts of the country. They deserve applause. Nevertheless, the total number of women selected is a small percentage of the 685 candidates. This is dismal.

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India's excess mortality crossed 7 lakh in 2020

Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat had the highest number of excess deaths due to COVID-19

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India has witnessed an excess mortality of 0.5 death per thousand population during the first wave of pandemic. • GETTY IMAGES

Affecting around 52 crore people, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit every nook and corner of the world, contributing to 1.5 crore excess deaths from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 as per the latest World Health Organization (WHO) estimates.

The pandemic has also left India heavily affected, with times when the per day cases rose to more than 90,000 during the first wave period starting from March 2020. Efforts are carried out throughout the world to mathematically model and fit the available datasets to estimate the excess mortality attributable to COVID-19 owing to the fundamentality of mortality estimates for public health decision making.

The estimate by *The Lancet* places India at first having the highest number of cumulative excess deaths due to COVID-19 at the level of 41 lakh based on vital registration system data from 12 States.

The estimates by WHO also comes around 47 lakh for the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021.

Objecting mathematical models

The Indian government, however, has objected to the use of mathematical models in the estimation of excess mortality by the WHO, when authentic data is available in the country. The criticism is based on placing of India among the tier II countries for which mathematical modelling is carried out and the use of unsound statistical methodology.

Though India has argued against WHO by citing the availability of comprehensive civil registration system (CRS) data, sources from within the country are questioning the shortcomings of vital registration and classification of COVID-19.

The advisory nature of the guidelines on classification of COVID deaths by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has created confusion among States on what counts as a COVID-19 death and what does not.

In this backdrop, we have tried to provide empirical estimate of the excess mortality attributed to COVID-19 during the period between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020 by using information from multiple official data sources.

We have used number of registered deaths in the year 2019 and 2020 from CRS, population projections for the years 2016 and 2021 by the Registrar General of India (RGI), crude death rate (CDR) estimates for 2019 from Sample Registration System (SRS).

We estimated the proportion deaths registered in the year 2019 using CRS 2019 and SRS 2019 death data and mid-year population of the year 2019.

Further, we applied the same figures for proportion death registered assuming that it has not changed significantly in the year 2020. The total deaths for the year 2020 are computed for India and larger States using the number of registered CRS 2020 deaths and percentage deaths registered during 2019.

The projected mid-year population for 2020 and the total estimated deaths for the same year are utilised to estimate the CDR for 2020, whereas the CDR of 2019 is taken from SRS 2019. The difference between the CDRs of 2020 and 2019 refers to the rise in the mortality directly or indirectly attributed to the pandemic. Excess death is termed as the difference in estimated number of deaths in 2020 and expected deaths (applying 2019 CDR to the 2020 population) for the same year.

Effects of first COVID wave

As per our estimate, India has witnessed an excess mortality of 0.5 death per thousand population during the first wave of the pandemic (CDR of 6.0 in 2019 to 6.5 in 2020). The highest difference is found in the State of Delhi, where the period saw an excess mortality of 3.8 deaths per thousand population, followed by Tamil Nadu (2.9), Andhra Pradesh (2.3), Karnataka (2.1), and Gujarat (2.0).

The lowest difference in CDR between 2019 and 2020 is found in the States of Telangana (-0.5 i.e. negative change), Uttar Pradesh (0.05 less deaths per 1000 population), followed by Uttarakhand (0.02). Negative change in CDR across these States can be due to the under reporting of deaths as compared to the previous year. Kerala did not report any change in CDR indicating no significant change in mortality as compared to the year 2019.

The States' tally

Our computations estimate the excess deaths in India during 2020 with respect to 2019 as 7 lakh, with Tamil Nadu (2.2 lakh), Bihar (1.5 lakh), Maharashtra (1.4 lakh), Karnataka (1.4 lakh), Gujarat (1.3 lakh) and Andhra Pradesh (1.2 lakh) having the highest number of excess deaths.

During the same year, India's official tally of COVID-19 deaths was 1.5 lakh, almost 4.7 times less than our estimate of excess mortality.

The estimated excessive deaths in the period can be attributed to multiple reasons directly or indirectly linked to the pandemic. COVID-19, of course, is the major killer, but not the sole one.

Delayed treatment of serious morbidity conditions has had its share in the excess mortality throughout the world.

Emergency services hit

Studies have shown that the services for tuberculosis, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, etc. have been disrupted and the mortality associated with it has increased unusually.

According to the Global Tuberculosis Report (WHO, 2021), the largest decrease in the diagnosing and reporting of tuberculosis is observed in the Asian countries, with India in the lead. Additionally, the pandemic has also indirectly affected the maternal and child healthcare by delaying the access to emergency services.

Apart from these, other reasons including long-distance migration, massive poverty, hunger etc., could have also contributed to the excess deaths.

Once the CRS 2021 report is released, we will be in a better situation to provide robust and precise estimates of the excess deaths which occurred during the second wave and to conclude to what extent the WHO estimates are correct.

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A flip-flop with several messages

The NCB must review its procedures soon

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The Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) decision to leave out Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, from the chargesheet last week in the so-called drugs-on-cruise ship case in Maharashtra has raised eyebrows in many circles. It is unfortunate that a fabled and civilised city like Mumbai has been the subject of contentious discussion so frequently in the past few years for the crimes reported from there and the inept handling by enforcement agencies. The war between the Centre and the Maharashtra government has only added fuel to fire, each trying to outwit the other through vicious propaganda.

There are again scores of controversies surrounding top appointments in the Maharashtra Police, an index of the malaise that afflicts the police force in the State, which, decades ago, was known for its clean administration. A former Commissioner of Police was recently on the run for several weeks to evade arrest on charges of extortion. The investigation is still going on against him and a former Home Minister of the State. Can anything be more shameful and demoralising to the entire bureaucracy, and not merely the Police?

The controversial arrest

In the Aryan Khan case that erupted in October last year, he was arrested by the NCB along with 19 others following a raid on a cruise ship off the Mumbai coast. This received huge publicity because a celebrity's son was being held on drug charges. Many speculations started doing the rounds, including one which said that Aryan was being framed. The media was also charged with encashing the controversy. All speculations about inadequacies in the investigation, initially disbelieved, have now been proved right with the Director General of NCB, Satya Narayan Pradhan, admitting that the investigation against Aryan Khan was motivated. This was an unusual action but one that has to be welcomed because no investigating agency ever admits its mistakes. One early report had said that Aryan had consumed drugs, and according to another, some prohibited substance was found in his possession. The latest NCB report to the court that the evidence against Aryan Khan was not sufficient to prosecute him is therefore bound to generate controversy.

The NCB head in Mumbai, Samir Wankhade, has been transferred and an inquiry has been ordered against him. This bizarre episode should raise several issues, chief of which is the integrity of investigating agencies in the country. The NCB may have to set its house in order by undertaking a clinical review of its procedures and personnel policies. The quantum of discretion of officers in the middle and lower levels may have to be reduced substantially.

Political interventions

The flip flop in the Aryan case is in tune with the manner in which investigations in many other cases involving well-known public figures charged with crime are conducted all over the country, both by the State police and other agencies.. No State government is a saint in the matter. Total emasculation of the police is a tragedy that will continue to characterise the force indefinitely. Excessive media attention and the tendency of the lower political spectrum belonging to the establishment to intrude into what should be the sole preserve of government agencies are facts which are undeniable in every State. The unfortunate victims of this unwholesome exchange of fire are the accused, who are indicted even before the arrival of a judicial decision.

Another arrest by the NCB that hit the headlines in 2020 was that of Rhea Chakraborty who was in a relationship with actor Sushant Singh Rajput. The latter was found dead under mysterious circumstances. While the case was initially investigated by the Enforcement Directorate and later by the CBI on the Supreme Court's direction, the NCB subsequently stepped in to investigate the rumour that Rhea and her brother were instrumental in supplying marijuana to Sushant. This led to Rhea's arrest in September 2020 and she was released a month later. Nothing further has been heard in this case.

The message that emanates from the two cases is that drug law enforcement agencies are often caught in a serious dilemma. If they do not detain the suspects involved at the earliest stage of an investigation, they can be accused of going slow just to favour the accused. If the detainees are subsequently let off for want of evidence, agency officials are accused of either human rights violations or dishonesty. It will not be incorrect to say that many enforcement decisions are a knee-jerk response induced mainly by the fear of loss of reputation and vilification by the media, which is fond of sensationalism. Ultimately, honesty in controversial investigations rests on an officer's own reputation and his ability to withstand pressure from various quarters including the ruling political party.

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STATE OF PLAY

Purveyor of polarisation

With his hate speech, P.C. George is in the limelight for all the wrong reasons

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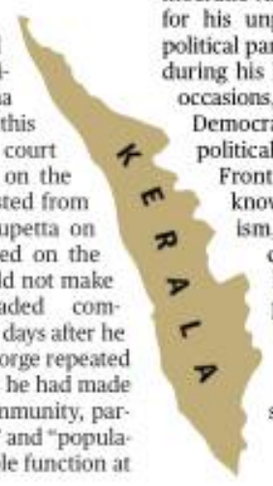
After a humiliating defeat last May in his home turf, the Poonjar Assembly segment, from where he had won seven times before, Kerala Janapaksham (Secular) leader P.C. George had been out of political action for some time. Now he is back in the political limelight, but for all the wrong reasons.

Last week, he was remanded to judicial custody after a first-class magistrate's court in Thiruvananthapuram cancelled his bail in a case related to a communally charged hate speech he delivered at the Hindu Maha Sammelan on April 30 this year. Previously, the court had granted him bail on the same day he was arrested from his residence at Erattupetta on May 1. Bail was granted on the condition that he would not make such communally-loaded comments in public. But 10 days after he was out on bail, Mr. George repeated the unsavoury remarks he had made against the Muslim community, particularly on "love jihad" and "population excess", at a temple function at Vennala in Kochi.



Nonetheless, after spending a day at the Central Prison in Thiruvananthapuram, Mr. George was granted bail by the Kerala High Court considering his health condition and status as a former MLA. While the CPI (M)-led LDF and the Congress-led UDF condemned the statements of Mr. George, the Kerala unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has backed him to the hilt. It was significant that the outburst by Mr. George happened when the electioneering for the Thrikkakara Assembly bypoll was nearing its peak.

Significantly, the powerful Syro-Malabar Church was silent on his statements. Given the shadow of distrust that is sought to be sowed between the Christian and Muslim communities in Kerala by some outfits, this was widely interpreted as the Church's subtle support for Mr. George.

However, the Metropolitan of Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, Yuhanon Mar Meletius of the Thrissur Diocese, lashed out at Mr. George saying that none had appointed him to represent the Christian community and that he was toeing the BJP line because he had no option as both the Congress and CPI(M) had rejected him. But the Orthodox Syrian Church later distanced itself from the Metropolitan's statement stating that it was his personal view.

As of now, Mr. George's party is keen to join the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. But he is known for his unpredictability; swapping political parties and coalitions at will during his long innings. On several occasions, he had backed the Social Democratic Party of India, the political avatar of the Popular Front of India (PFI), an outfit known for its fundamentalism, and had, in turn, received its support when he contested as an independent candidate during the 2016 assembly polls.

Now it remains to be seen how an ideologically malleable Mr. George works in tandem with an ideologically rigid but fac-tion-riven BJP which is struggling to get a foothold in Kerala's polity. The BJP's link with Mr. George has to be read with the party's long-standing efforts to tap into the Christian community in the State.

The statements of the BJP leaders indicate that the party may use Mr. George for temporary political gains as they know he has only minimal influence among the Christain community. For the time being, it has secured a Christian leader to drive a wedge between the minority communities in a State.

If the party is encouraging Mr. George to say what its leaders could not say, or would not dare to say, just so that they can use his hate speeches to create religious polarisation for political gain, ultimately, Mr. George risks becoming a liability for the BJP.

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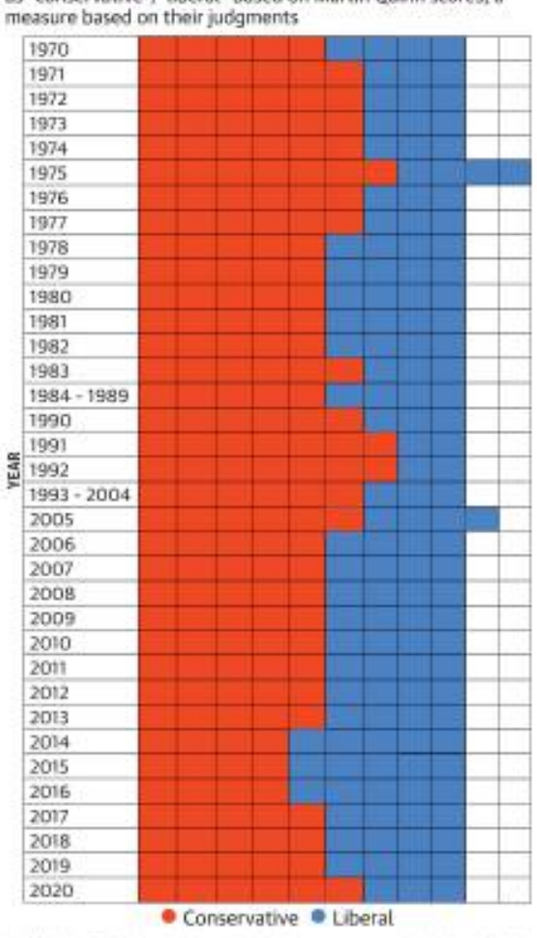
DATA POINT

Aborting the right to choice

According to a draft opinion leaked by news outlet *Politico* in February 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) privately voted to strike down the landmark *Roe vs Wade* (1973) judgment, wherein the court ruled that a pregnant woman can choose to have an abortion. Although the court generally maintains a balance of liberal and conservative justices, the 2018 appointment of Brett Kavanaugh by then-President Donald Trump, pushed the court to a conservative majority. If Roe is overturned, more than 25 U.S. States would be affected, leading to judicial battles at State levels. Data shows that even in countries with significant human development, socio-cultural and religious views carry significant weight, although most developed countries have permissive laws on abortion. Twelve countries with high human development only allow abortions if the woman's life is at risk, while six countries prohibit it altogether. By **Rebecca Rose Varghese** and **Sonikka Loganathan**

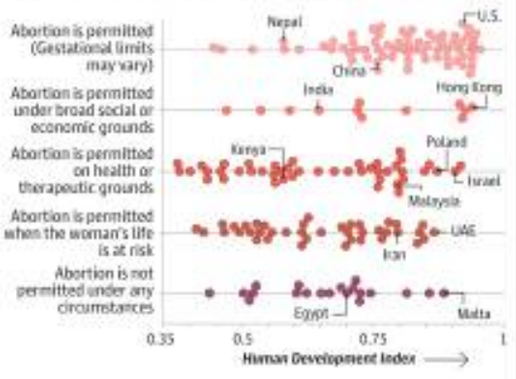
A new tilt | Table shows the number of conservative and liberal justices in the Supreme Court of the United States between 1970 and 2020. Except for 1970s, the SCOTUS had always maintained a balance in composition. In 2020, the SCOTUS was moved to conservative supermajority, with six conservative and three liberal justices. Justices were billed as "conservative"/"liberal" based on Martin Quinn scores, a measure based on their judgments



Notably, in 1973, when the Roe vs Wade judgment was passed, the jury had six conservative and three liberal judges

Future of abortion rights| The map shows possible changes in the abortion laws in different States in the United States if the Roe vs Wade judgment is diluted or overturned. In more than 25 of them, the abortion rights will no longer be protected if it is overturned

Not that progressive| The chart shows the legal status of abortion across countries, based on five broad categories, against their Human Development Index (HDI)*. For instance, in Poland, though the human development index is high (0.87), abortion is only permitted on health or therapeutic grounds



*less than 0.55 - low human development, between 0.55 and 0.699 - medium human development, between 0.7 and 0.799 - high human development, above 0.8 - very high human development

Source: Centre for Reproductive Rights, Martin Quinn Scores

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 2, 1972

Ceilings issue cannot be delayed

Intervening in the deliberations of the AICC opening session here to-day, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said she did not approve of the tendency of some to decry others because they did not share their interpretation of socialism. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the party's commitment to introduce rural and urban ceilings. She said urban ceiling was also necessary to remove disparities, but it was wrong to argue that both these should necessarily be done simultaneously. Such questions should be viewed on their intrinsic merits and not in a spirit of unhealthy competition. Mrs. Gandhi admitted delay on the part of the Government in enforcing these decisions. This was because of the need to avoid any loopholes in the legislation which might be taken advantage of by the interests concerned. Sometimes the clever escaped the clutches of the law, she said. Referring to some problems connected with ceilings, Mrs. Gandhi said the immediate benefits of these measures should also be carefully assessed. Mrs. Gandhi said it was not desirable to aim at a uniform ceiling throughout the country as conditions varied from place to place. There was no question of delaying measures such as ceilings. She reminded partymen that the Congress had promised land to the tiller before Independence, though the exact ceiling was never quantified. It was too late in the day for some people to raise their eyebrows or to create doubts when concrete steps were being taken to implement this time-old promise.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 2, 1922

In Irak

London, May 31: Mr. Churchill replying to Sir Charles Yale said that negotiations with King Faisal were still proceeding and he referred not to make statement at pre-meet regarding the possibility of the evacuation of Iraq or matters connected therewith. Doctor Wigram describing his work among Assyrian Christians in Mesopotamia at the annual meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge urged that the boundary of Iraq should be so drawn that Kurds would not be bunded over to the vengeance of Turks. We could not in decency and honour abandon those who fought for us. The Bishop of Mauritius appealed for greater understanding of the problem of the islands in the Southern Indian Ocean.

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ED summons Sonia, Rahul for questioning

"If a chargesheet has been filed against you, you should approach the court to get it quashed if you are honest. One who isn't honest seeks bail," Mr. Nadda noted.

The case to investigate alleged financial irregularities of Congress-promoted Young Indian, which owns *National Herald*, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act was registered about nine months ago, an official said.

The ED's decision was based on a trial court taking cognisance of an Income Tax Department probe against Young Indian Private Ltd. on the basis of a private criminal complaint filed by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy in 2013. The agency now wants to record the statements of the Gandhis under criminal Sections of the PMLA.

ED sources claimed that the questioning of the Gandhis and senior Congress leaders was part of their investigation to understand the share-holding pattern, financial transactions and the role of the promoters of Young Indian and AJL. Ms. Gandhi and her son are among the promoters and shareholders of Young Indian. Last month, the ED had recorded the statement of the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha and veteran Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, who is an office bearer of AJL.

The agency also questioned Congress treasurer Pawan Kumar Bansal, who is the managing director of AJL and an additional director in Young Indian.

Earlier, Mr. Swamy had approached the court alleging that AJL assets were fraudulently acquired and transferred to Young Indian.

According to court records, the Congress had loaned about ₹90 crore on interest-free basis to AJL over a period of time.

The party later assigned the debt to Young Indian, in which Ms. Gandhi and her son owned 38% shares each. Young Indian paid ₹50 lakh to the Congress for transferring the ₹90-crore debt to it.

The other accused in this case are author Suman Dubey and technocrat Sam Pitroda.

Countering the charges levelled against the Gandhis, Dr. Singhvi said Young India was registered as a not-for-profit company, under Section 25 of the Companies Act, that can neither pay divided to its shareholders nor accumulate profits. And that is why "objective minds" in the ED had closed the case in 2015.

Caste-based census to be held in Bihar

Earlier, the Bihar Legislature passed resolutions twice for caste-based census and and an 11-member all-party delegation too had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi to demand the exercise. However, the Central government had rejected their demand saying it would be a "divisive exercise" but said "States can hold caste census on their own".

'Census in other States'

"Now, murmurs over conducting the caste-based census are also being heard from other States. Once this exercise will be over in Bihar, the other States too may follow suit and the whole nation will be covered", the Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar, said.

Senior BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Tarkishore Prasad, Congress leader Ajit Sharma, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) leader and former CM Jitan Ram Manjhi and representatives of the Left and other parties were present at the 90-minute meeting in the Samvad Kendra at the Chief Minister's secretariat.

Pandit staffers firm on relocation from Valley

"It seems our lives have no value. In case the government does not come up with concrete measures, we will go for mass migration and leave for Jammu tomorrow."

The Lieutenant-Governor administration is in talks with Pandit leaders to address their demands. However, the administration has dropped broad hints that it was opposed to the idea of migration of employees from the Valley.

In the wake of the threat of mass resignation by those living in the transit camps, security was beefed up at all the camps at Nutnusa in Kupwara, Tulmulla in Ganderbal, Hall in Pulwama, Khanpur in Baramulla, Mattan in Anantnag and Vessu in Kulgam. Mobile bunkers were placed in the lanes leading to the houses of Pandit employees in Indira Nagar and Sheikhpora.

"It's unfortunate that we were stopped from leaving the migrant camps. On the other hand, unauthorised absence is being marked in our attendance sheets in offices. Why?" another Pandit employee at the Sheikhpora transit camp said.

Meanwhile, a sit-in was held at the Vessu camp in Qazigund by Pandit employees. "We returned to Kashmir on the promise that the situation has improved here. However, since October last year Kashmiri Pandits have been targeted. What is our fault? Why are they doing it? We are clueless. I came here in 2010 to earn my livelihood. I am upset with those who promised us a safe and secure atmosphere in Kashmir on our return. Why are they silent now?" a Vessu-based Kashmiri Pandit employee said. The growing fear among the minorities is palpable. The Mata Kheer Bhawani Asthapan Trust (MKBAT) has asked for the cancellation of the annual 'mela' due to the targeted killings of minorities in Kashmir. The annual yatra was scheduled to leave from Nagrota on June 5 for the Ragnya Devi temple in Tulmulla village of Ganderbal district. The temple attracts hundreds of Pandit devotees and the yatra is considered one of the main festivals by the community.

Kashmir witnessed a mass migration of Kashmiri Pandits in 1990 in the face of unprecedented militancy. However, then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2008 conceived a plan to help in the return of Pandits to their homeland and offered 6,000 jobs to migrants.

Around 3,800 migrants took up jobs in different departments in Kashmir and were living peacefully till December 2020 when a goldsmith was killed inside his shop on Hari Singh High Street in Srinagar, just days after he acquired the domicile certificate. Since then, nearly 17 members from the minority communities have been killed in targeted attacks by militants. The fresh wave of attacks on minorities have come after the Centre ended J&K's special status on August 5, 2019 and opened up jobs and land in the UT to outsiders.

Bhupender seeks a relook at IP regime

Minister asks developed nations to commit expertise and money to curb industrial pollution

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav urged developed countries to commit expertise and money and demonstrate how pollution from industrial sectors, beyond cement and steel, could be brought under control.

Developed countries should share technology and collaborate with developing countries and a fresh look must be taken at the global intellectual property rights regime, Mr. Yadav said chairing a session at the Stockholm Conference in Sweden on Wednesday.

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> BHUPENDER YADAV
> UNION ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

India and Sweden were jointly hosting the "Industry Transition Dialogue" in Stockholm as part of an initiative called the Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT).

The LeadIT initiative lays specific focus on hard-to-abate sectors that are key stakeholders in the global climate action and require specific interventions.

Values of equity

"It is important to always keep in mind the principles and values of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capacities of the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change for climate action while we move ahead with the implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions and Paris Agreement goals. The national circumstances play an important role in devising the pertinent strategies and development stories for the nations," said Mr. Yadav.

The conference in Stockholm marks 50 years since the first United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, 50 years ago from June 5 to 16 in 1972.

It was then the first global effort to view environment challenges as a worldwide policy issue and define the core principles for its management.

The Stockholm conference led to the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme that is now an influential global voice on the state of the environment.

"The developing world needs not just an industrial 'transition', but an industrial renaissance – a flowering of industries that will create jobs and prosperity along with a clean environment. The developed nations, with their historical experiences, must take lead in the global transition towards net-zero and low carbon industry," the Environment Minister added.

Govt. allows cooperatives to sell products online

Centre to charge a transaction fee

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday cleared a proposal allowing cooperatives to sell products on the Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) platform. The cooperatives may, however, be charged a transaction fee to cover the incremental costs, a government statement said.

The GeM started in 2017 is a one-stop portal to facilitate online procurement of commonly used goods and services. The portal is open for all government buyers – Union and State Ministries, departments, public sector enterprises, autonomous institutions, local bodies and so on. Private buyers cannot buy on the platform but private people can sell products to government bodies through the portal.

Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said in a tweet that the GeM would provide an opportunity to the cooperatives to sell products in a transparent manner. He said the move will benefit 27 crore people associated with 8.5 lakh cooperatives.

He said the micro and medium small industries will get buyers and it will boost the prospects of "Vocal for local" and Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

Special purpose vehicle

"The validated list of cooperatives to be onboarded on the GeM – for pilot as well as subsequent scale-up – will be decided by the Ministry of Cooperation in consultation with the GeM SPV [Special Purpose Vehicle]. This will ensure that technical capacity and logistics requirement of the GeM system are taken into account while deciding the pace of on boarding of Cooperative as buyers on the GeM," a government statement said.

Court permits Mumbai officer Sachin Vaze to turn approver

It asked him to disclose all facts under Section 164 of Cr.PC

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

The Special CBI court on Wednesday allowed dismissed police officer Sachin Vaze to become an approver in a corruption case against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh.

Special judge D.P. Shingade allowed Mr. Vaze's application to turn from accused to witness, and said, "I have allowed your application, but I have imposed certain conditions. Let me know if it is acceptable to you. Mr. Vaze has to make full disclosure in the case. He should disclose all facts that he has given under Section 164 (recording of confessions and statements) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.PC) before a magistrate. He should truthfully answer questions which would be asked by the public prosecutor to unravel the entire case during trial," the judge said.

Dismissed Mumbai police officer Sachin Vaze. •PTI

The court asked, "What is the status of the accused in the Enforcement Directorate case? Advocate Rounak Naik appearing for Mr. Vaze told the court that he has made an application to turn approver in that case also before the investigating agency."

On March 21, 2021, former Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh wrote to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, alleging that Mr. Deshmukh, a Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader, had given a target of collecting ₹100 crore from bars and restaurants in the city over a month.

On April 5 last year, the High Court directed the Central Bureau Investigation to launch a preliminary inquiry against Mr. Deshmukh. Following this, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted an investigation into the allegations of money laundering against the then State Home Minister.

On April 21, an FIR was registered against Mr. Deshmukh under Section 120 B of the IPC and Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA).

BJP demands fuel price cut in Maharashtra

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

As the Centre released the GST amount of ₹14,145 crore payable to Maharashtra, the BJP on Tuesday asked the State government to reduce fuel prices. Party leader Devendra Fadnavis said, "The State government has been blaming the Centre for all of its failures, including its inability to reduce the fuel prices. The Centre has now paid the State all its GST dues until May 31. It should now stop blaming the Central government and must reduce fuel prices."

Keshav Upadhye, BJP spokesperson, said that the government had claimed that the non-payment of GST dues was one of the reasons the State was not reducing fuel prices.

Centre to hold sessions on gig workers' rights

People employed with many new platforms have been demanding proper wages, social security

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Concerned at the lack of job and social security among gig and platform workers, the Centre has decided to train officials of the Union and State governments on technological change, new forms of employment, working conditions and mechanisms to protect labour and social security rights of these workers.

The V.V. Giri Institute, the training arm of the Union Labour Ministry, is organising the programme aimed at sharing information and good experiences on policies and global practices relating to gig and platform workers and their social security.

This is the first time that such a brainstorming session is being held by the government on the gig economy.

In wait: App-based food delivery workers gather near a restaurant awaiting orders in Hyderabad. •NAGARA GOPAL

The workers employed with many new platforms had been protesting and striking work demanding proper wages and social security.

The three-day programme beginning on June 13 will discuss the mechanisms to be evolved on the proposed Social Security Fund for unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers. The key issue will be the disbursal of social security amount to registered gig and platform workers and how the registration of these platform workers could be completed through the e-Shram portal.

According to a note shared with the States, the Union Labour Ministry, the trade unions and employers' organisations, the session will try to understand the innovative policy responses that countries have established to protect gig and platform workers and how they have adapted their social protection strategies to extend coverage to them. Trade unions and employers' organisations have also been invited to the session.

The institute will share international experience on providing social security to the States and other officials. Experiences and interventions of Australia, New Zealand, China, Thailand and Malaysia in this sector will be discussed in the sessions. Examples such as social security for platform workers in the transport sector of Thailand and Malaysia, where there are online models under which 2% for every ride is deducted for health and accident insurance and for social security will be taken up during the session.

Another issue that will be taken up is the employer-employee relationship in the context of the gig economy. Workers' employment relationships are not recognised in law in this case and gig workers are largely excluded from labour and social security rights, both in terms of law and in practice. Though there are certain benefits for youth and migrant workers, such as quick money and flexible work hours in the gig platforms, uncertain working hours and insufficient income are still considered major issues that need governmental address.

The India I love is multicultural, spiritual, says German envoy

Lindner says Germany will never criticise India for import of Russian oil

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Germany will not make any "public criticism" of India's decision to increase its import of Russian oil, German Ambassador Walter Lindner said on Wednesday, indicating that despite their own plans to cut oil dependence on Russia by 90% by the end of 2022, European countries understand that the Indian position on the war in Ukraine is unlikely to change.

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Germany to attend the G-7 summit of industrialised nations from June 26 to 28, where India is among the special invitees, Mr. Lindner said while the economic impact of the war would dominate the discussions, India's stand on buying oil or banning wheat exports would not.

"India's voting pattern [abstentions at the UN], and these kinds of things, that's not in the centre of discussions anymore. We know now why is India doing this, and we know what's the thinking behind it. On the wheat and oil and so on, we have discussed these and we understand quite a large part of of where India stands," he told *The Hindu* during an interview after addressing his last press conference as German envoy to India.

He said the new German Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, would focus instead on what India and Germany can "achieve for the future", and not look back to say India "could have done this there and this there".

Walter J. Lindner

To a specific question about India's intake of Russian oil increasing nearly nine times its monthly average from last year, Mr. Lindner said Germany planned to cut its own oil dependence on Russia "drastically" by August, and "put the brakes" on other energy imports at the earliest.

The Ambassador's words are significant as Germany was at the forefront of European countries that had been urging India to change its position at the UN and on adhering to western sanctions against Russia for what he referred to as "[Russian President] Putin's war" in Ukraine, which began on February.

Mr. Lindner said that the difference in India's stand would have "no impact" on ties with the European Union. "Putin's war has shown that we need friends, allies who share values such as democracy. If anything, this will lead to a bigger push for closer ties, towards the India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Democracies which are not attacking their neighbours need each other," he said.

In comments that appeared to indicate China's transgressions on the LAC, Mr. Lindner stressed that it was a "dangerous principle" to allow any country to attack its neighbour, violating sovereignty, because he said "there's so many nations around the globe, which have border disputes. Who could that mean, in India?"

Speaking about his three-year tenure in Delhi, Mr. Lindner said it had been "unusual" as much of the time since his arrival in 2019 was overshadowed by the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on movements during the lockdown in 2020.

Mr. Lindner, who was formerly the German State Secretary (Foreign Secretary), told presspersons that it was necessary for diplomats to realise that the nature of their assignments had now changed, and especially with the advent of social media, diplomats need to reach out to non-official citizens across the country.

An avid photographer and a trained musician, Mr. Lindner is known for his colourful photographs and posts on Twitter from various parts of the country.

He had famously picked up the guitar during a concert in Delhi with Indian artistes in August 2020.

"The India I love is deeply spiritual, and is multicultural. This is an idea. So I try also in my social media acting to portray the different facets of India, which means different relations, different ways of thinking, tolerance...," he said when asked about recent German reports on the decline of Indian democracy and pluralism.

"No President, no Prime Minister, no Opposition leader is always in this position, it always changes. India has a very old culture. And I think a big part of this country is the coexistence and the tolerance of different cultural influences, religions, languages," he added.

Farmer leader says he was attacked

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW

Dilbag Singh, Lakhimpur Kheri district president of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Tikait faction), has said his vehicle was shot at by two unidentified persons on a motorbike on Tuesday while he was returning home. Mr. Singh is also a witness in the Tikonia incident of October 3, 2021, when a convoy of vehicles allegedly involving Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra deliberately ran over a group of protesting farmers, killing four farmers and one local journalist.

Mr. Singh said he had a narrow escape on Tuesday evening and that he was not injured in the incident which took place a few km close to his residence.

He told *The Hindu* that the miscreants fired three shots. While the first hit the tyre of the running car, the other two hit the window after he stopped the vehicle. "They fired at the tyre. I stopped the car and then they approached it from the side and tried to open the window. The car was locked. I folded my seat. They fired two shots at the window," Mr. Singh said.

In his police complaint, Mr. Singh said the miscreants had fired with the "intent to kill". The Lakhimpur Kheri police said an FIR was being registered under the relevant Sections at the Gola police station.

Lakhimpur Kheri SP Sanjiv Suman said *prima facie* there appeared to be a contradiction between the version narrated by Mr. Singh and the findings of the police during investigation so far. The district police had summoned a forensic team from Lucknow to provide a ballistic report of the shots fired and further probe the matter.

Akhilesh meets Azam in hospital

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

The much-anticipated meeting between Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav and senior party leader Azam Khan finally took place on Wednesday at a Delhi hospital, signalling a thaw in the tensions.

Sources said the meeting that lasted for around three hours at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital was made possible by senior advocate Kapil Sibal.

Mr. Sibal is contesting the Rajya Sabha election from Uttar Pradesh as an Independent with the support of the Samajwadi Party. Mr. Sibal is Mr. Khan's advocate in his long legal battle. Mr. Yadav tweeted a photo of the meeting and wished for Mr. Khan's early recovery.

Ram temple in Ayodhya will be *rashtra mandir*, says Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister refers to the long-drawn movement for the temple

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
LUCKNOW

The Ram temple in Ayodhya will be India's *rashtra mandir* (national temple), Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Wednesday as he laid the foundation stone of the *garba griha* (*sanctum sanctorum*) of the temple at a traditional Hindu ceremony.

Apart from honouring India's faith, the temple will be a symbol of India's unity, the Chief Minister said.

"The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya will be Bharat's *rashtra mandir* [India's national temple]," Mr. Adityanath said after he performed *shila pujan* at the site of the *garba griha*, in the presence of members of the Trust responsible for managing the temple's construction.

Yogi Adityanath at the laying of the foundation stone of the *sanctum sanctorum* of the Ram temple in Ayodhya. •PTI

He said the 500-year-long *tadpan* (yearning) of the Hindu masses would soon end with the Ram temple taking shape.

The temple would become a symbol of faith for followers of *sanatan dharma* in the country and across the globe, he said.

Mr. Adityanath referred to the long-drawn movement for the Ram Mandir led by the Hindu Right, which had claimed that a temple existed at the site of the Babri Masjid, and said that "invaders" had attacked with the aim of crushing "Bharat's dreams" but eventually "Bharat won".

The temple construction will gain in pace after the foundation-laying ceremony of the *garba griha*, he said.

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, the Trust managing the construction of the temple, said in the last week of May that the installation of carved sandstones in and around the *sanctum sanctorum* would commence soon.

The installation of the carved stones and the work on the plinth of the temple will take place simultaneously, the Trust said.

Split among Gyanvapi plaintiffs may spread to other cases too

Lawyer says he will continue to represent 4 other litigants

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

The split that appeared among the Hindu plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple dispute, may expand to other similar cases in Mathura and the suit related to the Qutub Minar complex in New Delhi.

On Tuesday, one of the five plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi dispute, Rakhi Singh, announced that she would no longer be engaging the services of advocate Hari Shankar Jain and his team in their case. The announcement came from Jitendra Singh Visen, who claimed to be Ms. Rakhi's uncle, holding the power of attorney to represent her in court. Mr. Singh is also the chief of the Vishwa Vedic Sanatan Sangh (VVSS) and has been closely associated with Mr. Jain's team.

However, after Mr. Singh's remarks, Mr. Jain told *The Hindu* that "this backstabbing was uncalled for" and that "he [Mr. Jitendra Singh] seems to have spotted an opportunity to do politics".

Advocate Ranjana Agnihotri, part of Mr. Jain's legal team, said Mr. Singh's suit in the Mathura matter was a different one (Ms. Agnihotri is one of the original plaintiffs in the Shahi Idgah Mosque-Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi dispute). She said the team also intended to distance itself from the suit in Delhi with regards to the dispute over the Qutub Minar complex.

Mr. Singh joined the Mathura case through a suit filed by Kiran Singh, one of his relatives. In the Qutub Minar suit, claiming the existence of 27 Hindu and Jain temples at the site, Mr. Singh had been added as a plaintiff alongside Mr. Jain and Ms. Agnihotri.

"You can say we have personal issues," Mr. Singh said on Wednesday. "Our working styles are different. Hari Shankar ji is quite old and his health does not allow him to represent us as robustly."

Mr. Jain said, "I am still representing four plaintiffs in the Gyanvapi matter and other plaintiffs in the Mathura and Qutub Minar matters. We will argue as we intended to."

In M.P., Nadda backs Shivraj-Sharma duo

State to have Assembly polls next year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BHOPAL

J.P. Nadda

As the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Madhya Pradesh enters the campaign mode for the Assembly election in 2023, the party's national president, J.P. Nadda, has hinted that it is in no mood for a change of guard in the State and that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will be the face of the party for the polls.

Responding to a question on whether the 2023 election would be fought under the leadership of Mr. Chouhan and Vishnu Dutt Sharma, BJP State president Mr. Nadda said "everything goes in that very direction".

The BJP president was addressing a press conference at the party's State headquarters on Wednesday, the first day of his two-day tour of the State with both Mr. Chouhan and Mr. Sharma sitting with him. This is Mr. Nadda's first visit to Bhopal after taking over the reins of the party in January 2020.

Drawing a botanical analogy, Mr. Nadda said that the leadership was akin to a plant and frequent questions around it "were like uprooting it repeatedly to check if it was firmly planted".

Centre notifies appointment of eight new High Court judges

Four years after Collegium advice, lawyer named J&K additional judge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Four years after the Supreme Court Collegium first recommended his name, the Union Law Ministry on Wednesday notified the appointment of advocate Wasim Sadiq Nargal as an additional judge of the Jammu & Kashmir High Court.

Wasim Sadiq Nargal

Advocate Nargal was first recommended by the Collegium in 2018. It was one of the oldest recommendations that was pending with the government. The Collegium reiterated its recommendation in 2021.

The Law Ministry's notification also mentioned the appointment of seven judicial officers from Bihar as judges of the Patna High Court and the elevation of four additional judges of the Kerala High Court as permanent judges.

The Ministry also notified the transfer of six judges across different High Courts. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of the Andhra Pradesh High Court has been transferred to the Patna High Court. Justice Chitta Ranjan Dash of Orissa High Court has been transferred to the Calcutta High Court. Justice Subhasis Talaptra of the Tripura High Court has been transferred to the Orissa High Court.

While Justice Dhiraj Singh Thakur of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh has been sent to the Bombay High Court, Justice Lanusungkum Jamir of the Manipur High Court has been sent to the Gauhati High Court.

Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has been transferred to the Delhi High Court.

The additional judges of the Kerala High Court who have been elevated are Justices Murali Purushothaman, Ziyad Rahman Alevakkatt Abdul Rahiman, Karunakaran Babu and Kauser Edappagath.

The judicial officers elevated as judges of the Patna High Court are Shailendra Singh, Arun Kumar Jha, Jitendra Kumar, Alok Kumar Pandey, Sunil Dutta, Chandra Prakash Singh and Chandra Shekhar Jha.

Doctor files petition, seeking category for 'casteless Hindus'

He urges SC to direct govt. in the matter

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court by a doctor asserting his right to be officially certified as a "casteless Hindu".

The petition wants the court to direct the government to devise a mechanism by which more like him, who choose to shed the yoke of caste hierarchy, can be issued certificates identifying them as Hindus "who have no caste".

'Lack of mechanism'

Deepak Dnyaneshwar Halwar, represented by advocates Sophia Bhambri and Anil Chadda, blamed the government for its "apathy" for the lack of a mechanism by which people can forgo their caste status even while "retaining their religion as Hinduism".

"Such a policy or mechanism would bring positive changes in the society and equality for people who wish to forgo their caste but retain their status as a Hindu... The petitioner belongs to the Other Backward Class and is aware of the very fact that caste shackles a person and he as well as others wish to break free from such shackles and set an example for those who want to follow the same path of progress," the petition said.

The petitioner said he, an educated person and a doctor, did not need a caste certificate to "define" him.

"There is no bar whereby he (petitioner) may declare himself casteless and remain a Hindu," the petition said.

RS polls: BJP names leaders in-charge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The BJP on Wednesday announced *prabharis* or leaders in charge of the party's contest in the Rajya Sabha elections in four States where it has either fielded an "extra" candidate or is backing an Independent. These States are Rajasthan, Haryana, Karnataka and Maharashtra.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has been made in charge of Rajasthan, where the BJP is backing media baron Subhash Chandra who filed nomination papers as an Independent on Tuesday.

Polls are being held to four seats in the State, and the Congress has announced three candidates, and the BJP one. For the third candidate of the Congress to be elected, the party will require the support of Independent MLAs and members of smaller parties.

In Haryana, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Shekhawat has been given charge to oversee the polls on behalf of the party as even in this State, the BJP is backing the candidature of another media owner, Kartikeya Sharma, who filed his papers as an Independent with the backing of the BJP and the Janata Jananayak Party (an ally of the BJP).

In Karnataka, Culture Minister G. Kishen Reddy has been put in charge, and the BJP has fielded an extra candidate for the fourth seat, where the Congress and the Janata Dal(S) are competing.

In Maharashtra, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has been put in charge and Dhananjay Mahadik has been declared the third candidate from the party.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
Highways Department, NABARD & Rural Roads Circle, Salem-7.
Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 01 /2022-2023 / SDO / Dated: 31.05.2022.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu Scheduled tender through online only will be received upto **07.07.2022 15.00 hours** (as per system server clock) by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Salem Circle under NABARD RIDF XXVII - 2021-2022 - 93 Bridges - **Construction of High level Bridge at Km 0/2 of Thalaivasal – Mummudi Road across Vasista River in Salem** (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.06.2022** onwards in the **Government website http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

DIPR /2585/ Tender / 2022

Superintending Engineer (H),
NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Salem-7

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
BALANGIR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BALANGIR
AT : LALTIKIRA, PO: RAJENDRA COLLEGE, BALANGIR-767002
Email : sebalangir@gmail.com

1st Corrigendum to e - Procurement Notice No. : SE, BOIC - 01 / 2022-23

The following corrigendum is made for the work "Construction of Low level RCC Weir with minimum depth of Impoundage of 1.00m above Dry weather flow level across the river Pillasalki near village Pitabari for piped water supply to medical college & Hospital, Phulbani" having Tender ID 2022_CEBMT_77791_1, invited vide this office e-Procurement Notice No - SE, BOIC-01/2022-23.

CORRIGENDUM

As per e-procurement Notice No.SE, BOIC-01/2022-23	Now Revised To
Class of Contractor	Class of Contractor
"A" & "B" Class (Refer NIT and sub section-01 of DTCN, page no. 5)	"Special" & "A" Class (Refer NIT and sub section-01 of DTCN, page no. 5)

Other Terms & Conditions remain unchanged.

A-284 :
Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir.
OIPR-32113/11/0002/2223

DEPARTMENT OF MINES & GEOLOGY
No: 49, Khanija Bhavana, Race Course Road, Bengaluru.

No: DMG/Plan/adv-1/2022-23 Date: 26.05.2022

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Department of Mines and Geology require "Advisor (Mineral Exploration)" on Sitting Fee Basis.

Department of Mines and Geology intends to appoint an expert in the field of Mineral Exploration as **"Advisor (Mineral Exploration)"** to guide and advice the department in carving out the exploration proposals and execute the same within prescribed time limit.

This appointment will be purely on sitting fee per day of actual engagement basis and the Department reserves the right to accept/ reject the candidates without assigning any reasons.

Essential Qualification & Experience: First Class in Msc (Geology) or any equivalent course from any State/Central Government recognized universities and more than 25 years of experience in the field of Mineral Exploration. Person having knowledge of the NMET procedure will be given the preference.

Age Limit: Upto 70 years.

Walk-in-interview will be conducted on **09.06.2022** during **working hours between 10.30 AM to 5.00 PM** at O/o Director, Department of Mines & Geology, No: 49, Khanija Bhavana, Race Course Road, Bengaluru. At the time of interview, the candidates are required to submit their Resume and produce original documents of their academic qualification, experience etc., along with a set of self-attested photocopies of the above documents including address proof documents and two Passport size photographs.

Sd/- Director
Department of Mines & Geology
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/Advt/721/2022-23

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

Schedule for OJEE - 2022

No: OJEE / 245 Date: 31.05.2022

Exam Date	Shift - 1 9.00 AM - 11.00 AM	Shift - 2 12.30 PM - 2.30 PM	Shift - 3 4.00 PM - 6.00 PM
04.07.2022	LE Tech (Diploma)	LE Tech (Diploma)	LE Tech (Diploma)
05.07.2022	MCA	MCA	M.Tech (11 Subjects) + M.Arch + M. Plan + M. Pharm + B.CAT (1 hour) (Cinematography)
06.07.2022	MBA	MBA	(1 Hour Duration) Integrated MBA + LE Pharm + LE Tech (B.Sc.) + B.CAT (Sound Record & Design)
08.07.2022	B.Pharm	B.Pharm	----

Admit cards will be available for downloading with effect from 27.06.2022.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE

h-56 :
OIPR-14020/11/0006/2223

DOCTOR HARISINGH GOUR VISHWAVIDYALAYA, SAGAR (M.P.)
(A Central University)

ADMISSION NOTICE 2020-23

Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.) invites online applications for admission to the various programmes for the Academic Session 2022-23 through Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) PG-2022 to be conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA).

Main Features:-

- The Vishwavidyalaya Campus is spread over in 1300 acres of lands, full of natural beauty and enabled with WiFi facilities.
- Excellent Faculty and a Central Library with more than four lakh books and e-journals including INFLIBNET, DELNET and Placement Cell, Programme to facilitate the students, Separate Boys & Girls Hostels.
- Facilities of Health Centre, Post Office, Bank, Library, SIC, Well equipped Stadium, I.C.H. Cafeteria, etc.

(a) **Programmes available for admission:**
- **B.Lib.I.Sc. (Bachelor in Library and Information Science), BJ. (Bachelor in Journalism), LL.B.**
- **M.Com., M.B.A., M.Lib.I.Sc., LL.M., M.Ed., M.Pharm., M.Tech. (Applied Geology) and M.C.A.**

M.A.: Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, Anthropology, Criminology, Economics, English, Geography, Hindi, History, Linguistics, Hindustani Music, Philosophy, Political Science & Public Administration, Psychology, Sanskrit, Sociology, Social work, Urdu, Yogic Science, Rural Development, Fine & Performing Arts, Journalism & Mass Communication, Education, Mathematics.

M.Sc.: Anthropology, Botany, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Zoology, Psychology, Yogic Science, Microbiology and Biotechnology.

(b) For admission procedure, eligibility, number of seats, reservation policy, Entrance Test provisions, fees and mapping of programme - Subject for test, please refer to **"Admission Brochure (PG) 2022-23"** on the university website :www.dhsgsu.edu.in

(c) As the entrance test will be conducted by NTA, therefore, the University will follow the admission procedure and syllabus for entrance test as notified by the NTA for **CUET** on https://cuet.nta.nic.in

Start of Online Application Process: **19 May, 2022**	Closing date of Online submission of Application forms: **18 June, 2022**

Note: Admission Notice for Ph.D.Programmes will be notified separately.

Registrar

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, OISIP, JICA
ODISHA WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
(A Govt. of Odisha Undertaking)
At: Mahanadivihar, P.O: Nayabazar, Cuttack-753004.
E-mail ID : ce_jica@owssb.in ; Mobile No. 9438133917
Notification No. 21 dt. 27.05.2022

ODISHA INTEGRATED SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Invitation of applications from retired persons for engagement as Contractual Divisional Accounts Officer and Contractual Senior Clerk in OISIP, JICA, OWSSB, Cuttack

The Odisha Integrated Sanitation Improvement Project (OISIP) intends to engage 03 No. of Divisional Accounts Officer and 04 Nos. of Senior Clerk on Contractual basis against the vacancy posts for its project at Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

Sl. No.	Name of the Contractual Post	Wages	No. of Posts	Qualification, Experience & Age Limit
1.	Divisional Accounts Officer (Contractual)	As per Finance Department Circular No.7022, dtd 17.03.2018, the Contractual DAO is entitled to get consolidated remuneration of Rs.30,000/- per month, which may change from time to time by Govt.	03 (Three)	1. He should have retired after working as Senior Divisional Accounts Officer / Divisional Accounts Officer in any Engineering office of Odisha State Govt. or Govt. of Odisha undertaking. 2. The candidate should be below 64 years of age as on 31.05.2022.
2.	Senior Clerk (Contractual)	As per Finance Department Circular No. 7022, dtd.17.03.2018, the Contractual Senior Clerk is entitled to get Consolidated remuneration of Rs.13,000/- per month, which may change from time to time by Govt.	04 (Four)	1. He should have retired after working as Senior Clerk/ Head Clerk in any office of Odisha State Govt. or Govt. of Odisha undertaking. 2. The candidate should be below 64 years of age as on 31.05.2022.

Interested eligible candidates may apply in plain paper, along with their updated CV, all educational qualification certificates along with **copy of pension payment order of final pension order issued by A.G., Odisha / Provisional pension order / copy of proof of retirement from Govt. of Odisha / Govt. of Odisha Undertaking** in the above address **by speed post / Regd. Post only**, so as to reach this office on or before **Dt.17.06.2022**. The candidates should furnish their correspondence address, contact phone no. and E-mail ID for further communication. OISIP Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the candidatures without assigning any reason thereof.

CAD-667 :
Chief Engineer, OISIP, JICA, OWSSB, Cuttack
OIPR-32431/11/0007/2223

Magical voice of youthful exuberance and melancholy of love

Untrained, as his inspiration Kishore Kumar, the self-effacing singer believed in being known by his voice and not his public utterances

ANUJ KUMAR

Blessed with a voice that wove the magic of youthful exuberance and melancholy of love with equal felicity, Krishnakumar Kunnath gave goosebumps to listeners every time he took the stage. Anyone who was young or young at heart at the turn of the new millennium would have a KK song in memory, soaking the soul.

One of the most versatile singers of this generation, KK, who passed away soon after a concert in Kolkata on Tuesday, had a fan following across languages, geographical barriers, and age groups.

Born into a Malayali family in Delhi, the shy boy became the lifeline of stage shows right from his days in Kirori Mal College. Untrained, as his inspiration Kishore Kumar, the self-effacing singer believed in being known by his voice and not his public utterances. As Kishore, he internalised the emotion and what came out was always heartfelt, mostly lasting.

After a couple of popular albums, particularly his *Pyar Ke Pal* number, he became a sensation with *Hum Dil Chuke Sanam (1999)*, where he sang the anthem for jilted lovers *Tadap Tadap Ke Dil Se Aah Nikalti Rahi*.

From the IITs and IIMs to local colleges, no student farewell was ever complete without his songs of heartbreak and nostalgia, laced with the euphoric admission *Tu Aashiqui Hai* (*Jhankaar Beats*).

Composed by the purist Ismail Durbar, *Tadap Tadap* not only proved KK's range in the higher octaves but also propelled him to sing several tracks for Salman Khan, whose fame was on the ascent.

Over the next two decades, he sang immensely popular numbers for Shah Rukh Khan (*Aankhon Main Teri*), Emraan Hashmi (*Tu Hi Meri Shab Hai*, *Zara Si Dil Main De Jaga Tu*), Hrithik Roshan (*Dil Kyun Mera Shor Kare*) and Ranbir Kapoor (*Khuda Jane*) but his vocal chemistry with Salman remained unmatched, as evident up till *Bajrangi Bhaijaan (Tu Jo Mila)*.

However, for survivors of heartache, KK's *Maine Dil Se Kaha Dhoondh Lana Khushi* (*Rog*) is the last hope. In fact, there was a phase in his career when KK's voice became a balm for broken hearts, as

KRISHNAKUMAR KUNNATH (1968-2022)

envisioned by Mahesh Bhatt's banner.

In *Rog*, he matched the depth of Irrfan's eyes with the *khalish* (mordacity) in his timbre. You could play it on the loop for the whole night, but still wouldn't be able to map the undulations in KK's voice. He evoked a similar sense of longing in *Awarapan Banjarapan* (*Jism*).

In both the films, he worked with M.M. Kreem who brought out the melancholic flavour in his voice.

Having started his career with A.R. Rahman (*Kadhal Desam*), KK had a huge following in South India. His songs with Harris Jayaraj became a rage among youngsters, coming to terms with their first flush of romance.

When R. Madhavan's *Minnale* was remade as *Rehnna Hai Tere Dil Main*, KK's *Sach Keh Raha Hai Deewana* became a staple of musical evenings. Their association continued till the upcoming *Legend*. When maestro Ilaiyaraaja pushed him out of his comfort zone in *Ninu Choodaka Nenundalenu*, KK proved his worth.

He worked with all the top composers of the country but unlike some of his contemporaries, he was called for a number or two that decided or changed the course of the narrative.

With sad numbers waning away from Indian cinema, KK was not remembered that often by composers. Yet, when Pritam – with whom he had a long and successful association – needed a rousing number for *83*, he dialled *KK* and we got *Yeh Hausle*. It reminded us of the sense of hope he generated with *Aashayein* in *Iqbal*.

Till the end, he remained a rage in the concert circuit and will be remembered as the singer who became the voice of the heart when the world was getting into the rat trap of insipid pragmatism.

Bengal govt. pays homage to singer

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

The autopsy of popular singer Krishnakumar Kunnath (KK), who died in Kolkata following a concert on Tuesday, was performed at the State-run SSKM Hospital on Wednesday.

Preliminary findings of the post-mortem indicated cardiac arrest as the cause of death, a senior police officer said. The report said KK had "prolonged cardiac issues".

"There was no foul play behind his death," he said.

The West Bengal government paid tribute to the singer with a gun salute at Rabindra Sadan. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee was present, along with KK's family members.

(With PTI inputs)

IN BRIEF

CRPF recruitment criteria for tribal youth relaxed

NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to relax the educational qualification for tribal youth from the districts of Sukma, Bijapur and Dantewada in Chattisgarh for recruitment as constables in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). Minimum educational qualification will be relaxed from Class 10 to Class 8 for the recruitment of 400 candidates from the districts, a statement said.

14 tribal insurgents surrender in Manipur

IMPHAL

Altogether 14 tribal insurgents belonging to the United Tribal Liberation Army (James faction) surrendered on Wednesday to Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren along with guns and explosives. So far, 681 insurgents have surrendered. "The youth who had gone on the wrong path because of family frustrations and other reasons should come home. No action will be contemplated against former insurgents against whom there are no serious charges pending," Mr. Biren said.

No more physical stamp papers in Punjab

CHANDIGARH

The Punjab government on Wednesday decided to abolish the physical stamp papers in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue and launched the 'e-stamp facility'. Following this, stamp paper of any denomination can now be obtained via 'e-stamp', which includes computerised printout from any stamp vendor or from banks authorised by the State government.

Campaign on to boost vaccine coverage

Door-to-door drives will focus on old-age homes, schools, colleges, prisons and brick kilns

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

The two-month *Har Ghar Dastak* 2.0 campaign commenced on Wednesday to expedite COVID-19 vaccination coverage by including all eligible beneficiaries through door-to-door campaigns. The focus will be on people in old-age homes, schools and colleges, prisons and brick kilns.

As the programme is being implemented in a mission mode, the States and Union Territories (UTs) have been advised to give an intensive push towards full vaccination coverage for all eligible beneficiaries.

Mission mode: A healthcare worker administering COVID-19 vaccine as part of a door-to-door programme. • FILE PHOTO

Status review

"This was communicated to all States and Union Territories by Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan during his review of the status of COVID-19 vaccination with Health Secretaries and other senior officials from across the country last week," the Health Ministry said.

Incorporating the experience and learning from the first *Har Ghar Dastak* campaign launched in November 2021, the present campaign will be implemented from June 1 to July 31, it said. The objective of the exercise is to vaccinate and cover the eligible population groups for first, second and precaution doses through door-to-door campaigns.

Major focus

The Ministry said the major focus would remain on improving sub-optimal precaution-dose coverage of persons aged 60 and above, along with the considerably slower speed of coverage in the 12-14 cohort, by focused campaigns at old-age homes, schools and colleges, prisons, brick kilns and so on and those targeted at out-of-school children (for focused coverage of the 12-18 population).

The States have been asked to undertake effective monitoring with respective micro-plans based on due lists of all eligible beneficiaries. They were also urged to review administration of precaution dose to the 18-59 age group with private hospitals regularly.

The national COVID-19 vaccination drive has so far ensured that 193.57 crore doses have been administered across the country. Also, 96.3% of all persons above 15 years of age have received at least one dose and 86.3% have received both the doses.

Mumbai braces for a possible COVID-19 surge

As cases jump, testing to be intensified

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

As new COVID-19 cases in Mumbai cross the 500 mark, Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) administrator Iqbal Singh Chahal issued directions on Wednesday to increase testing on a war footing, especially with the monsoon around the corner.

Asking all departments of the civic body to be prepared, Mr. Chahal said jumbo field hospitals must be kept adequately staffed and on alert from now. The Malad jumbo COVID centre has to be put to use on priority, if hospitalisation increases in the coming days.

He has asked for testing labs to be proactive and fully staffed, while the drive for vaccination in the 12-18 age category and booster doses is pushed harder.

The COVID-19 patient graph in Mumbai, and the State itself, is on the rise.

The city registered 506 new cases on May 31, while the State recorded 711. Mumbai recorded 318 new patients on May 30 and 375 on May 29.

The assistant municipal commissioners in charge of wards must review the status of war rooms to ensure that they are fully equipped.

They must review the situation in their wards daily and make strong interventions, wherever required. Private hospitals have been asked to be on alert.

HAL to convert passenger aircraft into fuel tankers

Six Boeing-767s to be repurposed for the Indian Air Force

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, (HAL) will convert six Boeing-767 civilian aircraft into mid-air refuellers for the Indian Air Force (IAF), for which it had entered into an agreement with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in April.

The IAF has been looking to procure mid-air refuellers for some time.

"Six Boeing-767s will be converted from civil to military certification. HAL will float a global tender to purchase second-hand B-767s from the market," an official source said. The overall process is expected to take at least three or four years, the official said.

HAL will float a global tender to purchase used Boeing-767s. • V.V. KRISHNAN

In addition, HAL is looking at converting Boeing-747s of Air India for a dedicated cargo role.

The aircraft available with Air India have been recently pulled out from civilian service as they completed 20 years. The feasibility of conversion is being ascertained, the official said.

The IAI has expertise in undertaking such conversion, and the HAL too has worked closely with the group earlier on it, so this project can be undertaken and will fulfil a crucial requirement of the IAF, another official said.

Mid-air refuelling significantly enhances the range and payload of fighter jets. It also allows aircraft to stay in the air much beyond their normal limits allowing better exploitation of the platform's capabilities.

A helpline for abandoned wives of NRIs

NCW meet recommends non-bailable warrant against male offenders

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

A national helpline for women deserted in Non-Resident Indian (NRI) marriages and the need for a dedicated fund to provide assistance to them are among the recommendations made at a consultation on Wednesday organised by the National Commission for Women (NCW) on ensuring access to justice to such women.

Experts consulted

The NCW invited experts from the Ministries of Women and Child Development, External Affairs and Home, women victims, State police departments, non-governmental organisations, Indian missions in Australia and Canada, and others.

The consultation was held on two broad topics – identifying problems faced by Indian women married to Persons of Indian Origin (PIO) and NRIs, and challenges faced by deserted wives in the legal system in India and abroad.

"The meeting took up issues such as ways to serve a non-bailable warrant against a male offender residing abroad who has abandoned his wife. Often, these men keep changing their address and it gets challenging to track them. So, we have suggested that a special website be set up, so that summons posted there are deemed as served on a person. Another way to track them would be through their social security number," Justice Rakesh Kumar Garg (retd.), former Chairman, Punjab State Commission for NRIs, told *The Hindu*.

Divorce judgments

Other matters discussed were *ex-parte* judgments on divorce obtained by husbands abroad, which are already addressed under Section 13 of the Civil Procedure Code that deals with conditions under which foreign judgments are not conclusive, he said.

Instances of child custody disputes were also raised. "For such matters, when a *habeas corpus* writ is brought to India for producing a child before a foreign court, Indian courts have often held that both parents are natural guardians under Indian laws and, in fact, mother is the guardian of a child under five years. We are also not signatories to the Hague Convention, so we don't have to return the child."

The consultation did not, however, discuss whether India should sign the Hague Convention, which requires that if a parent has run away with a child from one country to another due to a marital dispute, the child has to be returned to the country from where he or she has been removed.

A person who attended the meeting said that ways to ensure maintenance for such wives, legal assistance, and financial support through a dedicated fund were also raised.

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(set by Arden)

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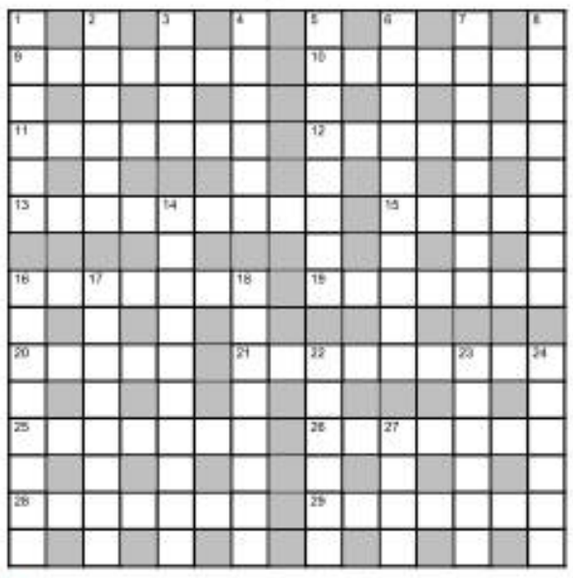

ACROSS

9 Managed to get a wicket and a countryman (7)
10 Country air polluted, points to another country (7)
11 She sings about a crime boss in "Bad Man" (7)
12 Show couple of workers (7)
13 Andre Alba cast as a star (9)
15 Buttocks – locals have four less (5)
16 A countryman has bottle opener and tumbler (7)
19 Are comics wrong to expose hidden character? (7)
20 Extremely tasteful, eating uncooked fish (5)
21 Gray elected before Attlee, perhaps (9)
25 Shifting magnetic poles, at once go missing – look! (7)
26 Fat all around, a horse is a slow mover (7)
28 Saw it wasn't frozen (7)
29 Self admission of an old man leads to a holdup (7)

DOWN

1 Misdeed, a part of 10 once (6)
2 Police department will come around and open (6)
3 Programming essentially to find God... (4)
4 ...if a run out is unsporting like (6)
5 Meet a wanderer on a horse (4,4)
6 Force against blocking the main vessel (10)
7 One wearing coat looks like a column (8)
8 The spray is not correct – ditch (8)
14 Shock absorber's fat from top to bottom in the rear (6,4)
16 Against left? That's a tragedy (8)
17 Set rails, set by those who are down to earth (8)
18 Has the propensity to get sick in the final parts (4,4)
22 Port of call brief, like one is in France (6)
23 Proceed with ease, taking rounds (6)
24 Bank takes one day to make it look neater (6)
27 Open wide at the top – get another pink envelope (4)

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 13571

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sage Kanva's advice

Dushyanth marries Sakunthala, while sage Kanva, her foster father, is away. Dushyanth then leaves for his kingdom, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. Dushyanth promises Sakunthala that he will send his army and a palanquin for her, so that she, as the chief queen, will be taken to his country with all honours due to her. When Kanva returns to his hermitage, Sakunthala tells him about her marriage. Kanva says that she is the daughter of a king (Saktuntala is the daughter of Viswamitra, the king turned sage), so she has done nothing wrong in marrying a king. Kanva is happy that Sakunthala's marriage was observed according to the Sastras. He says her son will be a great emperor. Dushyanth will always keep to dharma, and will never lose his kingdom. Sakunthala gives birth to a boy, who is named Sarvadamana, which means he can control all.

In course of time, Dushyanth forgets all about Sakunthala. Absence of an individual from the scene makes us forget them. This is what Mantara points out to Kaikeyi in the Ramayana. She says Kaikeyi erred in sending Bharata to her father's country Kekeya. With Bharata away for so long, people have forgotten all about him, says Mantara. With Sakuntala at a distance from him, Dushyanth forgets her. When he and Sakunthala got married, he had promised Sakunthala that her son would succeed him (Dushyanth) to the throne. But if Sarvadamana remained in Kanva's ashram how could this happen?

So, Kanva tells Sakunthala that she should be with her husband. The young must seek out those older than them. Bhaktas must go to temples to pay obeisance to God. Subjects should go to meet their king. In the same way, Sakunthala and her son should go to meet Dushyanth, says Kanva.

MARKET WATCH

	01-06-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,381	-0.33
US Dollar	77.50	0.27
Gold	50,509	-1.05
Brent oil	117.21	-5.03

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	736.90	-2.95
Apollo Hosp.	3839.00	-140.30
Asian Paints	2852.50	-7.15
Axis Bank	686.05	0.85
Bajaj Auto	3720.10	-144.00
Bajaj Finserv	12596.60	-337.40
Bajaj Finance	6010.15	-72.00
Bharti Airtel	694.65	-5.55
BPCL	326.00	-0.20
Britannia Ind	3551.30	-96.50
Cipla	983.55	-9.40
Coal India	196.05	3.15
Divis Lab	3555.15	-36.15
Dr Reddys Lab	4319.00	-50.65
Eicher Motors	2771.70	-9.05
Grasim Ind	1436.55	7.95
HCL Tech	1017.90	-22.85
HDFC	2329.90	23.15
HDFC Bank	1394.85	5.90
HDFC Life	607.15	8.20
Hero MotoCorp	2757.60	-16.30
Hindalco	410.65	-11.90
Hind Unilever	2308.45	-44.80
ICICI Bank	752.65	-0.20
Indusind Bank	928.35	-2.50
Infosys	1478.55	-25.05
ITC	271.85	1.20
JSW Steel	569.50	18.25
Kotak Bank	1865.10	18.25
L&T	1648.00	-6.50
M&M	1047.35	13.00
Maruti Suzuki	7939.40	-26.95
Nestle India Ltd.	17241.55	-449.95
NTPC	156.80	0.80
ONGC	149.75	-1.50
PowerGrid Corp	229.20	-3.70
Reliance Ind	2633.50	0.85
SBI Life	1152.75	-21.40
State Bank	468.30	0.20
Shree Cement	21791.50	-124.80
Sun Pharma	839.25	-21.35
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	761.10	1.35
Tata Motors	444.60	1.05
Tata Steel	1063.55	7.90
TCS	3355.20	-9.15
Tech Mahindra	1146.60	-33.65
Titan	2197.60	-18.40
UltraTech Cement	5975.65	-106.95
UPL	779.75	0.15
Wipro	470.75	-7.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 01

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.32	77.64
Euro	82.89	83.23
British Pound	97.33	97.74
Japanese Yen (100)	59.73	59.97
Chinese Yuan	11.56	11.61
Swiss Franc	80.37	80.71
Singapore Dollar	56.34	56.58
Canadian Dollar	61.16	61.41
Malaysian Ringitt	17.63	17.72
Australian Dollar	55.59	55.85

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

HDFC raises lending rate by 5 basis points

NEW DELHI

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd. on Wednesday announced an increase in its benchmark lending rate by 5 basis points, a move that will make loans dearer for existing and new borrowers. The revised rates for new borrowers range between 7.05% and 7.5%, depending on their credit score and loan amount. PTI

'General insurers can unveil plans sans nod'

NEW DELHI

Regulator IRDAI on Wednesday permitted insurers to introduce health and almost all general insurance products without its prior approval, a move aimed at ensuring a 'a fully insured India'. The Authority extended the 'Use and File' procedure to all health insurance and almost all general insurance products with an aim to 'having a fully insured India'. PTI

Va Tech bags ₹149-crore order from Russia

CHENNAI

Water treatment firm Va Tech Wabag said it had secured a ₹149-crore order from Russia. The order was from Korea-based DL E&C Co. Ltd. for a water treatment package for the EuroChem methanol production facility in Kingisepp, Russia, Wabag said in a statement. Wabag's scope includes design, engineering and supply, installation and start-up of the plant, which is scheduled to be completed over a 15-month period.

Reliance to buy 40% in Plastic Legno's India unit

MUMBAI

Reliance Brands Ltd. (RBL), a subsidiary of Reliance Retail Ventures, and Plastic Legno SPA, have entered into a joint venture through which RBL would acquire 40% stake in the Italian firm's toy manufacturing business in India. "This investment by RBL serves a dual purpose, bringing in vertical integration for RBL's toy business and helping diversify the supply chain with a long-term strategic interest in building toy manufacturing in India," RBL said.

May manufacturing PMI hints at sustained rebound in sector

Producers passed on input costs at fastest pace since October 2013: S&P Global

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

Indian manufacturers won new orders in May at almost the same pace as in April despite raising prices at the fastest rate in more than eight-and-a-half years amid a sharp jump in input costs, as per the S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index survey.

The PMI index stood at 54.6, easing marginally from 54.7 in April. A reading of over 50 indicates an expansion in activity. May marks the 11th month in a row that India's manufacturing PMI reflected an expansion.

Input costs rose for the 22nd straight month in May, with companies reporting higher prices for electronic components, energy, freight, foodstuff, metals and textiles. Firms signalled prices were set to rise further to cope with these costs, even after resorting to the sharpest increase in output prices since October 2013.

New export order growth quickened, posting the best expansion in 11 years.

Manufacturing sector jobs grew for the second month in a row, owing to ongoing improvements in sales and although the pace of job creation was 'only slight', it was still the strongest recorded since January 2020, S&P Global said.

Despite the broader buoyancy, business sentiment was dampened by inflation concerns.

"The survey's gauge of business optimism shows a sense of unease among manufacturers," said Pollyanna De Lima, economics associate director at S&P Global. "The overall level of sentiment was the second-lowest seen for two years," Ms. De Lima added.

Wary outlook : The survey's gauge of business optimism shows unease among manufacturers over inflation. REUTERS

Auto sales grow on low base, supply-chain disruptions ease

Industry inching back towards FY19's peak sales: Maruti

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Most automakers reported 'healthy' growth in dispatches to dealers in May, albeit on a low volume base of May 2021 when the country was dealing with the second wave of the pandemic.

Maruti Suzuki sold 1,24,474 passenger vehicles (PVs) in the domestic market last month, compared with 32,903 units a year earlier.

The firm said sales figures for May 2022 were not comparable with that seen a year earlier, when the operations of the company 'were significantly affected due to COVID-19 related disruptions'.

"The shortage of electronic components had a minor impact on production... mainly on domestic models," it added.

"If you look at 2018-19, which was a peak sales year... April and May sales were about 5,99,000 units [for the industry] and April-May this year is 5,88,000 units... so overall numbers look pretty good," said Shashank Srivastava, senior ED (Marketing & Sales), Maruti Suzuki India. "If you look at pre-COVID 2019-20, which was not a good year for the industry, passenger vehicle sales were about 4,86,000 units for April-May." He added that Maruti had about 2,95,000 bookings pending, while the industry figure was 5,50,000.

Hyundai Motor India, which on Wednesday unveiled the new Venue, said wholesales grew 69% to 42,293 units.

For Tata Motors, total domestic PV sales rose to 43,341 units, from 15,181. Mahindra and Mahindra said passenger vehicle sales increased to 26,904 units.

Nigeria drug exports said to need pre-shipment nod

'Indian firms flouted packaging norms'

N. RAVI KUMAR
HYDERABAD

Nigeria's National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) will insist on pre-shipment clearance for pharmaceutical exports from India from November.

Consignments without the Clean Report of Inspection and Analysis (CRIA) issued by approved agencies will not be allowed from November 1, sources in the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India said after a meeting with NAFDAC officials on May 31.

As many as 100 pharmaceutical companies and pre-shipment agencies attended the meeting convened by Pharmexcil in the wake of the Nigerian drug regulator recently accusing India pharmaceutical manufacturers/exporters of indulging in unethical and unprofessional practices.

Both sides had attended the meeting seeking solutions for the issue, sources said, adding at $588.59 million of exports, Nigeria was the fifth-largest market for Indian pharmaceuticals.

May fuel sales surge due to summer travel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Fuel sales soared in May on the back of a surge in summer travel, preliminary data showed on Wednesday.

Petrol sales by state-owned retailers, which controlled 90% of the market at 2.8 million tonnes in May, was 55.7% higher than a year earlier when the second COVID-19 wave impacted the economy. Consumption was 12% more than the 2.5 million tonnes seen pre-COVID in May 2019. Month-on-month sales were up 8.2%.

Diesel sales jumped 39.4% to 6.82 million tonnes, but were 2.3% lower than sales in May 2019. It was 1.8% higher than in April this year.

Q4 FMCG volumes decline as consumption slows: NielsenIQ

'Rural saw 5.3% dip, the biggest slowdown in three quarters'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The FMCG industry saw a decline in volume in the January-March period as consumption was impacted by price increases, especially in the food and essentials categories, according to a report by data analytics firm NielsenIQ.

Rural India witnessed a 5.3% dip in volume, the largest consumption slowdown in the last three quarters, FMCG Snapshot released by NielsenIQ's Retail Intelligence team showed on Wednesday. Besides, there was an increase in the exit of small manufacturers in the FMCG sector due to high input cost pressures, as they were not able to pass on the costs to consumers.

"A decline in consumption is echoed across all zones and town classes, but more prominent in rural markets, which sees a 5.3% dip – the highest consumption slowdown in the last three quarters. The South and North zones witnessed more than 5% volume decline," it said. However, the FMCG industry witnessed 6% revenue increase year-on-year led by a "double-digit price growth".

"Rural markets have witnessed higher price increases than urban markets (11.9% in rural compared with 8.8% in urban) in the country, and hence more stress on consumption decline," said NielsenIQ.

The overall volume decline is spread across categories, but is significantly higher in the non-food segment, which witnessed volume decline of 9.6%, while the food segment fell 1.8%.

Renewables output eases coal shortage

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

Record green energy output reduced Indian dependence on coal in May, despite a 23.5% growth in power demand, contributing to a rise in utilities' coal inventories, a Reuters analysis of government data showed.

Surging supply from renewables will help mitigate India's coal shortage amid extraordinarily rapid growth in demand, which has forced the country to reopen mines and return to importing the fuel.

The share of renewable energy sources in power output rose to 14.1% in May from 10.2% in April. Coal made room, dropping to 72.4% from 76.8%.

Germany's Eickhoff opens gearbox unit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Eickhoff Wind Asia, a 100% subsidiary of the Bochum-based, family-owned Eickhoff Group, has opened a new facility near here to assemble gearboxes for wind turbines, at an investment of ₹639.78 crore.

Eickhoff Wind Asia is part of the group's Eickhoff Wind division that supplies gearboxes for wind turbines as well as industrial applications and offers customised service concepts, the firm said.

In the first stage, up to 900 gearboxes per year would be assembled.

"With the plant in Chennai, we can serve the dynamic growth market of wind power even better and grow locally in India," said Ulf Achenbach, CEO, Eickhoff.

E-mobility start-up Yulu to deploy 1 lakh e-bikes

Firm to source bikes from Bajaj Auto

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

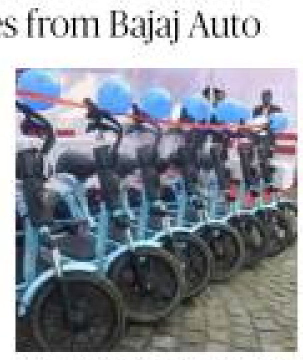
Shared electric mobility start-up Yulu is targeting to deploy about one lakh electric bikes, sourced from Bajaj Auto, over the next one year as it looks to expand operations, a senior company official told *The Hindu*.

About 10,000 of the bikes will hit the roads in September this year, he added.

"We are focusing on three cities now (Bengaluru, Delhi and Mumbai) but will add two more cities, Pune and Hyderabad," said R. K. Misra, co-founder. "We have ordered one lakh bikes. Bajaj is our partner, and they will be manufacturing the bikes," he added.

"Starting September, we should bring about 10,000 new bikes on the road."

Mr. Misra added that post the pandemic, a new use case emerged for Yulu bikes i.e. use of these bikes by delivery boys. "During COVID, in Bangalore, everything was shut and the only vehicle allowed on the road was Yulu," he pointed out.



Yulu would soon bring out a separate tailor-made vehicle targeted at commercial mobility. It would come out with a goods carrier which would be grey in colour as opposed to the blue bike for personal mobility.

Indian private refiners profit from cheap Russian crude

State oil firms grapple with rising crude cost, retail price cap

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

There's a split emerging in India's refining sector as private refiners tap cheap Russian crude and boost profits from exports just as domestically-focused state refiners get squeezed by high oil costs and government-capped fuel prices.

While many Western buyers are avoiding Russian crude in response to its invasion of Ukraine, private Indian refiners such as Reliance and Nayara have been among the biggest buyers this year of discounted Russian supplies.

They are reaping major profits by reducing domestic sales and aggressively boosting fuel exports, including to buyers in Europe, which is now boycotting imports of Russian energy.

Private refiners are reaping major profits by boosting fuel exports, including to buyers in Europe

Smaller buyers

In contrast, state refiners are much smaller buyers of Russian crude as they largely buy oil under annual term-supply deals. They face potential losses in the June quarter, industry sources say, as they grapple with rising global crude costs and controlled retail fuel prices that are unchanged since early April to rein in spiralling inflation.

India has bought about 62.5 million barrels of Russian oil since Moscow's invasion of Ukraine on February 24 – more than thrice the amount in the year-earlier period – with more than half for private refiners Reliance and Nayara Energy, Refinitiv Eikon data shows.

In turn, private refiners have helped drive total Indian fuel exports 15% higher in the first five months of 2022 compared with the same period in 2021, according to data firm Kpler.

Reliance, operator of the world's biggest refining complex at Jamnagar, recently deferred its refinery maintenance plan, bought 'arbitrage' barrels on the international crude oil market, and boosted fuel exports, it said last month.

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U.S. to send advanced rockets to Ukraine

Washington 'doesn't want Kyiv to fire beyond its borders'; Kremlin slams the U.S. for 'adding fuel to fire'

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON

The Biden administration says it will send Ukraine a small number of high-tech, medium-range rocket systems, a critical weapon that Ukrainian leaders have been asking for as they struggle to stall Russian progress in the Donbas region.

The rocket systems are part of a new $700 million tranche of security assistance for Ukraine from the U.S. that will include helicopters, Javelin anti-tank weapon systems, tactical vehicles, spare parts and more, two senior administration officials said on Tuesday.

In a guest essay published on Tuesday evening in *The New York Times*, President Joe Biden confirmed that he's decided to "provide the Ukrainians with more advanced rocket systems and munitions that will enable them to more precisely strike key targets on the battlefield in Ukraine."

Shoot and scoot: HIMARS, a medium-range defence system, that the U.S. has agreed to send to Ukraine . • FILE PHOTO

Mr. Biden said on Monday that the U.S. would not send Ukraine "rocket systems that can strike into Russia". The aid package expected to be unveiled on Wednesday would send what the U.S. considers medium-range rockets – they generally can travel about 70 km, the officials said.

The Ukrainians have assured the U.S. officials that they will not fire rockets into Russian territory, according to the senior officials.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Wednesday that the U.S. is "deliberately and diligently pouring fuel on the fire". He added that the Kremlin doesn't trust Kyiv's assurances that the multiple rocket launch systems supplied by the U.S. will not be used to attack Russia. "In order to trust [someone], you need to have experience with situations when such promises were kept. Regretfully, there is no such experience whatsoever," Mr. Peskov said.

Target Russian positions

The expectation is that Ukraine could use the rockets in the eastern Donbas region, where they could both intercept Russian artillery and take out Russian positions in towns where fighting is intense, such as Severedonesk.

Severedonesk is important to Russian efforts to capture the Donbas before more Western arms arrive to bolster Ukraine's defence. The city, which is 145 km south of the Russian border, is in an area that is the last pocket under Ukrainian government control in the Luhansk region of the Donbas.

Mr. Biden in his *New York Times*' essay added, "We are not encouraging or enabling Ukraine to strike beyond its borders. We do not want to prolong the war just to inflict pain on Russia."

It's the 11th package approved so far and will be the first to tap the $40 billion in security and economic assistance recently passed by the Congress. The rocket systems would be part of Pentagon drawdown authority, so would involve taking weapons from the U.S. inventory and getting them into Ukraine quickly. Ukrainian troops would also need training on the new systems, which could take at least a week or two.

Erdogan threatens new incursion into Syria

'Will rid Tal Rifaat, Manbij of terrorists'

REUTERS
ANKARA

President Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday that Turkey will rid northern Syria's Tal Rifaat and Manbij areas of terrorists, confirming the targets of the new incursion for the first time and saying it will continue into other regions.

His comments, in a speech to lawmakers from his ruling AK Party, came a week after he pledged a new military incursion on Turkey's southern border against the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish militia YPG, which Ankara views as a terrorist group.

"We are going into the new phase of our determination to form a 30-km deep safe zone along our southern border. We will clear Tal Rifaat and Manbij of terrorists, and we will do the same to other regions step-by-step," he said.

Tayyip Erdogan

"Let's see who supports these legitimate steps by Turkey and who hinders them," Mr. Erdogan added.

Ankara has carried out four operations in northern Syria since 2016, seizing hundreds of kilometres of land and pushing some 30-km deep into the country, mainly targeting the YPG.

Turkey has coordinated with Russia on its military operations.

Turkey halts talks with Greece again

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ANKARA

President Tayyip Erdogan said on Wednesday that Turkey was halting talks with Greece, partly over a dispute with the Greek Prime Minister and what Ankara calls airspace violations, marking the latest reversal in the neighbours' long-testy relationship.

Last year, after a five-year hiatus, the two NATO members resumed talks to address their differences, but have made little progress. Tensions flared again last week when Mr. Erdogan said Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis "no longer exists" for him, accusing him of trying to block sales of F-16 fighter jets to Turkey during a visit to the United States.

Mr. Mitsotakis said that he had briefed his EU counterparts over Turkey's "aggressiveness".

Not competing for influence, says China

It pitches added role in South Pacific

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
VANUATU

China has insisted that it has "no intention to compete" for influence in the South Pacific as Foreign Minister Wang Yi and his Australian counterpart Penny Wong again jetted around the region Wednesday on duelling diplomatic charm offensives.

In a statement distributed by the Chinese embassy in Canberra, Beijing said it "does not seek exclusive rights" in the region.

The claim comes as Mr. Wang nears the end of a contentious 10-day visit to Pacific Island nations that has seen China pitch a radically increased role in regional security, much to the concern of the United States and Australia.

Although Mr. Wang failed to secure support for a regional security deal that would have seen Beijing play a much bigger role in areas including policing and cybersecurity, he has inked a series of country-specific agreements on his trip.

Australia's new government is playing catch-up after years of relations with the Pacific being hampered by the former administration's foot-dragging on climate change.

Israel holds air drills over the Mediterranean

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JERUSALEM

The Israeli military on Wednesday said dozens of its aircraft conducted a drill simulating air strikes on long-range targets, a thinly veiled reference to a possible attack on regional rival Iran.

The army said the exercise took place a day earlier over the Mediterranean and "involved long-range flight, aerial refuelling and striking distant targets".

Tuesday's air force drill took place as part of a larger, month-long military exercise, which included combat simulations in Cyprus earlier this week.

U.S., Taiwan to 'quickly' develop road map for trade initiative

Aims to create inclusiveness and durable prosperity: U.S.

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

The United States will launch new trade talks with Taiwan, U.S. officials said on Wednesday, just days after President Joe Biden launched an economic plan for Asia intended to push back on China that excluded the Chinese-claimed island.

Washington and Taipei will "move quickly to develop a roadmap" for the planned U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade in the coming weeks, which would be followed by in-person meetings in the U.S. capital later in June, two senior U.S. administration officials told reporters.

The initiative would aim to "reach an agreement with high standard commitments that create inclusive and durable prosperity" on issues that include customs facilitation, fighting corruption, common standards on digital trade, labour rights, high environmental standards, and efforts to curb state-owned enterprises and non-market practices, one of the U.S. officials said.

The bilateral initiative largely parallels the Biden administration's Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF), an economic partnership with 13 Asian countries. But the United States did not invite democratically self-governed Taiwan to join the IPEF talks.

The announcement came after a virtual meeting on Wednesday between Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Sarah Bianchi and Taiwan's chief trade negotiator John Deng. Mr. Deng said they hoped there would be an opportunity to seal a free trade deal Taiwan has long sought with the U.S.

Shanghai comes back to life as lockdown eases

Negative PCR report still mandatory

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SHANGHAI

Traffic, pedestrians and joggers reappeared on the streets of Shanghai on Wednesday as China's largest city began returning to normalcy amid the easing of a strict two-month COVID-19 lockdown that has drawn unusual protests over its heavy-handed implementation.

Shanghai's Communist Party committee, the city's most powerful political body, issued a letter online proclaiming the lockdown's success and thanking citizens for their "support and contributions."

The government says all restrictions will be gradually lifted, but local neighborhood committees still wield considerable power to implement sometimes conflicting and arbitrary policies. Negative PCR tests for COVID-19 taken within the previous 48 hours also remain standard for permission to enter public venues.

Schools will partially reopen on a voluntary basis, and shopping malls, supermarkets, convenience stores and drug stores will gradually reopen at no more than 75% of their total capacity. Cinemas and gyms will remain closed.

SPORT

Shaili & Priya to skip Khelo India Games

KIYG dates sandwiched between Junior Federation Cup and Inter-State Nationals

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Long jumper Shaili Singh and quartermiler Priya H. Mohan, both under-20 World championship medallists, will skip the Khelo India Youth Games at Panchkula in Haryana as the dates of the athletics events fall very close to two major championships.

Originally scheduled in November-December last year, the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) have been postponed thrice and will now be held from June 4 to 13 with athletics running from June 7 to 9.

But the KIYG athletics dates fall between the Junior Federation Cup at Nandiad (Gujarat, June 2-4) and the Inter-State National Championships in Chennai (June 10-14), both crucial events as the World championships (Oregon, USA), under-20 Worlds (Cali, Colombia) and the Commonwealth Games (Birmingham, England) are lined up in July and August this year.

Key target: Priya Mohan and Shaili will prioritise qualifying for the Worlds in the USA. • K. MURALI KUMAR / FILE PHOTO

Shaili (silver) and Priya (4x400m mixed relay bronze & fourth in individual 400m) – both top seeds in the KIYG rankings – will be competing in both the Junior Federation Cup and the Inter-State to pick up precious World ranking points that could fetch them berths in the senior Worlds through the World rankings route and hence have decided to give the KIYG a miss.

Priya is currently 56th in the women's 400m in the World Athletics' Road to Oregon rankings and with just 48 berths available for the senior Worlds, she will be going all out in her next few meets to climb the rankings ladder.

Shaili, who competed in just one meet this year - the recent Grand Prix in Bhubaneswar where she did 6.27m - after recovering from a back injury and COVID, is yet to enter the Oregon rankings so could be desperate to grab crucial points.

Chance of injury

And when one does three competitions in 13 days, travelling thousands of miles from Nandiad to Panchkula and then to Chennai without any break, there is a chance of the athlete getting injured. So, the two young stars have decided to play it safe.

"It's quite disappointing and we are sad about it. We can't take any risk in this important year," Robert Bobby George, Shaili's coach, told *The Hindu* from Bengaluru.

"No. Can't do (KIYG)... dates are clashing. The inter-State is the final qualification for the senior Worlds," said Priya's coach Arjun Ajay.

Incidentally, both Priya and Shaili have already qualified for the Junior Worlds.

Rutuja and Karman in pre-quarters

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Rutuja Bhosale defeated Natsuho Arakawa of Japan 6-2, 7-6(4) in the first round of the $25,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Chiang Rai, Thailand, on Wednesday.

Karman Kaur Thandi also made the second round, while Riya Bhatia went down in three sets to the second seed Peangtarn Plipuech of Thailand.

The results:

€90,280 Challenger, Prostejov, Czech Republic: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni bt Luca Margaroli (Sui) & Vitaly Sachko (Ukr) 7-5, 6-3; Sriram Balaji & Arjun Kadhe bt Fabian Fallert (Ger) & Luis David Martinez (Ven) 6-3, 6-4.

€67,960 Challenger, Poznan, Poland: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Georgii Kravchenko (Ukr) & Filip Peliwo (Pol) bt Anirudh Chandrasekar & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-4, 6-2.

$25,000 ITF Chiang Rai, Thailand: Men: First round: Yu Hsiou Hsu (Tpe) bt Nitin Kumar Sinha 4-0 (retired); Dayne Kelly (Aus) bt Faisal Qamar 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Palaphoom Kovapitukted (Tha) & Rubin Statham (Nzl) bt Shashank Theertha & Faisal Qamar 7-6(4), 7-6(4).

Women: First round: Rutuja Bhosale bt Natsuho Arakawa (Jpn) 6-2, 7-6(4); Karman Kaur Thandi bt Tamachan Momkoonthod (Tha) 6-2, 6-1; Peangtarn Plipuech (Tha) bt Riya Bhatia 6-3, 5-7, 6-4.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Akiko Omae (Jpn) & Rutuja Bhosale bt Humera Baharmus & Vaidehi Chaudhari 6-1, 6-4; Anastasiia Poplavska (Ukr) & Anastasia Sukhotina (Rus) bt Zoe Hives (Rus) & Riya Bhatia 6-4, 6-2; Haruna Arakawa & Natsuho Arakawa (Jpn) bt Shrivalli Bhamidipaty & Michika Ozeki (Jpn) 6-2, 7-5.

$15,000 ITF men, Tay Ninh, Vietnam: First round: Suraj Prabodh bt Rishi Reddy 6-7 (9), 4-2 (retired); Wishaya Trongcharoenchaikul (Tha) bt Nishant Dabas 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Rishi Reddy & Dhakshineswar Suresh bt S.D. Prajwal Dev & Seita Watanabe (Jpn) 7-5, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF Monastir, Tunisia: Men: First round: Abedallah Shelbayh (Jor) bt Shivank Bhatnagar 6-1, 6-4.

Women: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) & Ashmitha Easwaramurthi bt Kristina Milenkovic (Sui) & Mao Mushika (Jpn) 6-2, 1-6, [10-5]; Kristina Paskauskas (GBr) & Wei Sijia (Chn) bt Bala Gayathri & Kashmira Manohar 6-1, 6-1; Chiara Girelli (Ita) & Mia Mack (Ger) bt Helena Narmont (Est) & Kaaviya Balasubramanian 6-1, 6-3.

$25,000 ITF women, Tbilisi, Georgia: Second round: Jia-Jing Lu (Chn) bt Zeel Desai 7-5, 7-6(5).

$15,000 ITF women, Rancho Santa Fe, USA: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Bunyawi Thamchaiwat (Tha) & Ya Yi Yang (Tpe) bt Ayanna Shah (USA) & Amani Shah 6-1, 6-2.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

MSRIT triumphs

Three-wicket hauls from Rishi Bopanna (3/14) and Amogh Docca (3/19) and a half-century from Shrikara (56 n.o.) propelled MSRIT to a thumping 10-wicket win over MVJCE in the final of the MV Jayaram Memorial inter-collegiate cricket tournament.

The scores: MV Jayaram College of Engineering 83 in 12.2 overs (Mohammad Shahnawaz 48, Rishi Bopanna 3/14, Amogh Docca 3/19) lost to MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology 84 for no loss in 4.5 overs (Shrikara 56 n.o.).

Teshub Dinesh wins National u-13 TT crown

Karnataka's Teshub Dinesh defeated Gujarat's Arya Kataria 11-4, 11-9, 8-11, 11-6, 11-4 in the final to secure the under-13 boys' singles title at the 83rd Cadet & Sub-junior table tennis Nationals being held in Indore.

Champion: The victorious MSRIT squad. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Dheemanth stars for BEML (2) SC

B. Dheemanth top-scored with 86 as BEML (2) Sports Club, Mysore registered a convincing 76-run win over BWSSB Employees Association in the KSCA (Group II) second division tournament.

The scores: BEML (2) SC, Mysore 224/3 in 20 overs (B. Dheemanth 86, L. Hemanth Kumar 68, L. Manvanth Kumar 56 n.o.) bt BWSSB Employees Association 148/6 in 20 overs (S.K. Abhishek 39, Sourabh Manohar Naik 43 n.o.).

KPTCL Sports Organisation 135/8 in 20 overs (K.N. Vinay Kumar 29, C.S. Bharath Gowda 28) lost to ADE Sports Club 136/2 in 17.4 overs (K.M. Pravesh 51 n.o., Faizan Khan 54 n.o.).

Teshub with his reward.

BEL Sports Club 118/6 in 20 overs (M. Chitti Babu 39) lost to Infosys CC 119/4 in 17.1 overs (Prajwal Prakash 40 n.o.).

Bangalore Telephone CC 100 in 19.1 overs (Kushal Pramesh 3/41) lost to Indiabulls Housing & Finance Ltd 101 for no loss in 11.3 overs (H.S. Shashidhar 68 n.o., S. Chethan 32 n.o.).

Karnataka Postal RC 116/9 in 20 overs (Rajkumar Rana 25, H. Sarvesh Raju 3/14, Sachin R.Prakash 3/33) lost to LIC S&RC 117/5 in 18.4 overs (H. Sarvesh Raju 25, S.H. Swaroop 26, U. Karan 33).

Union Bank of India 155 in 20 overs (R. Manjunath 52, Rohan M.Yareshmi 25, Syed Gazi Salahuddin 30, Aarush Sunandanan 4/31, R. Rakesh Singh 3/35) bt Railway Institute, Krishnarajapuram 144 in 20 overs (M. Likith Kumar 52, Pareexith Okkunda 4/40).

Bangalore Division SA, SWR 97 in 19.4 overs lost to Triton SC, Mysore 98/7 in 14.2 overs (Yogesh 47, K.G. Kashinath 3/11, Rabindar Singh 3/3).

Bosch SC, Bangalore 82/7 in 20 overs (S. Naresh 29, Gagan 3/3) lost to VISL CC, Bhadravathi 83 for no loss in 13.4 overs (Abu 59 n.o.).

DELL CC 138/8 in 20 overs (N. Madhusudhan Rao 30, Girish Kalkere 36, Sharath Babu 3/18) lost to South Railway Institute, Mysore 139/4 in 17.4 overs (S.U. Karthik 51, J. Yashwanth 29 n.o.).

Siddarth, Ayaan excel in Just Cricket's big win

Siddarth Akhil (96) and Ayaan Sharmod (5/14) starred in Just Cricket's whopping 225-run win over Panthers Cricket Academy in the Tiger Cup under-16 cricket tournament, here on Wednesday.

The scores: Just Cricket 287/8 in 30 overs (Siddarth Akhil 96, Manas 38, R. Shishir 53, Manas Dash 34, J.R. Arjun 3/27) bt PCA 62 in 19.4 overs (Ayaan Sharmod 5/14).

School of Cricket 79 in 25.1 overs lost to Social Cricketers 84/5 in 17.4 overs.

PESCA 107/9 in 30 overs (Ansh Agrawal 26, Ameen 3/10) lost to SJBHSA 110/1 in 14.5 overs (Vivian Martis 50 n o., Nitesh 31).

EISB 152/9 in 30 overs (Arjun Mishra 33, N. Aryan 34, Vijay Maller 3/23) bt SRCA 69 in 21.1 overs.

Easy for HAL FC

S. Jonny Kom scored a brace as HAL FC blanked Blitz FC 4-0 in the BDFA A-division league championship, here on Wednesday.

The results: HAL FC 4 (S. Jonny Kom 27, 64, Ramana Singh 34, Tushar Biswakarma 72) bt Blitz FC 0; Parikram FC 3 (N. Haris Rahman 31, 36, Amit Kumar 40+1) bt Postal Dept FC 0; Rebels FC 1 (Muhaab 11) bt AGORC FC 0; BTM FC 1 (Ashley Grant 40+1) bt South United FC 0.

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No. 59 goes Nadal's way as he downs Djokovic in late-night epic

The Spaniard makes it 29-30 in the head-to-head with the Serb, reaches the last four at Roland-Garros for the 15th time; Kasatkina books semifinal with Swiatek

Extraordinary: Nadal remains on course for a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam title after getting the better of Djokovic in the quarterfinals. • AFP

FRENCH OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Rafael Nadal edged a late-night classic against old rival Novak Djokovic in the early hours of Wednesday in four sets to reach his 15th semifinal at Roland Garros.

The 13-time Roland Garros champion won the pair's 59th career meeting 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6(4) after a four-hour-and-12-minute quarterfinal on a raucous Court Philippe Chatrier.

Nadal sealed his eighth victory in 10 French Open matches against last year's winner Djokovic at 1:16 a.m. local time to set up a last-four clash with third seed Alexander Zverev on Friday.

"I'm very emotional. For me it's incredible to play here," said Nadal.

"Playing against him is always an amazing challenge... To win against Novak, there is only one way, to play your best from the first point until the last."

The 35-year-old has lost just three of his 113 matches on the Paris clay since his 2005 title-winning debut and now only trails Djokovic 29-30 in their career head-to-head. The Spaniard, seeded fifth, remains on course for a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam title after lifting this year's Australian Open, which Djokovic missed after being deported from the country over his COVID vaccination status.

Djokovic overturned a double-break deficit to take an 88-minute second set and missed two set points when serving for the fourth to force a decider.

The World No. 1 will rue those missed chances while he waits until Wimbledon for his next opportunity to take his Slam tally to 21.

Great champion

"Congratulations to Rafa, he was better in the important moments," said Djokovic. "He showed why he was a great champion. Well done to him and his team, he deserves it."

Nadal was a slight underdog heading into the match after being taken to five sets in the previous round by Felix Auger-Aliassime and he had even hinted it could be his last appearance in Paris due to a persistent foot injury.

The colder, slower conditions of the night session were also expected to favour Djokovic.

But the 'King of clay' smashed 57 winners in a trademark performance to delight the crowd as he gained revenge for his semi-final loss to the same opponent 12 months ago.

Cilic outlasts Rublev

In a quarterfinal that lasted four hours and 10 minutes, Marin Cilic, the 20th seed, overcame the seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 [10-2] on Wednesday.

Iga Swiatek powered into the semifinals as a comfortable 6-3, 6-2 victory over American Jessica Pegula extended the World No. 1's winning streak to 33 matches.

Swiatek will equal Venus Williams' record for the longest unbeaten run for a women's player in the 21st century if she wins a second Roland Garros title this week.

But she said she still feels nervous before big matches despite appearing in almost unbeatable form. "I do (feel nervous)," said Swiatek. "If I stop feeling nervous than something weird is going on...

"Sometimes stress is a positive thing as it makes you more tense and more active."

The top seed, who turned 21 on Tuesday, won her only Grand Slam title so far in Paris two years ago.

She has won five consecutive tournaments this year, including four WTA 1,000 titles.

Despite not being at her best, Swiatek still hit 30 winners in an ultimately one-sided match. Daria Kasatkina reached her maiden Grand Slam semifinal on Wednesday with a 6-4, 7-6(5) victory over fellow Russian, Veronika Kudermetova.

Day in numbers

3 The number of first-time Grand Slam semifinalists in women's singles, following Kasatkina's win on Wednesday

11 Nadal's 11th win at Majors over Djokovic, equalling Djokovic's Open Era record for most wins against a specific opponent (Federer)

29 Tuesday was Nadal's 29th win over Djokovic, the second-most in the Open Era against a single male player. Leader: Djokovic, with 30 wins over Nadal

33 Win over Pegula was Swiatek's 33rd match-win on the trot, going past Henin's 32-match winning streak in 2008. Above the Pole this century: Serena (34 in 2013) and Venus (35 in 2000)

THURSDAY'S PICKS

SINGLES: WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS	DOUBLES: MEN'S SEMIFINALS
18-Gauff vs. Trevisan	16-Bopanna/ Middelkoop vs. 16-Rojer/Arevalo-Gonzalez
1-Swiatek vs. 20-Kasatkina	

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals

Women: 20-Kastakina (Rus) bt 29-Kudermetova (Rus) 6-4, 7-6 (5); 1-Swiatek (Pol) bt 11-Pegula (USA) 6-3, 6-2.
Men: 20-Cilic (Cro) bt 7-Rublev 5-7, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 [10-2].
Tuesday's result: Men: 5-Nadal (Esp) bt 1-Djokovic (Srb) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6(4).

India to play three ODIs, five T20Is in WI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the BCCI on Wednesday announced India's tour of the West Indies where it will play three ODIs and five T20Is between July 22 and August 7.

India will finish its white-ball leg of the UK tour on July 17 and those selected would directly leave for the West Indies from England.

The ODI series and three T20Is will be hosted across Trinidad and Tobago and St Kitts & Nevis, with the final two T20Is scheduled to be held in Fort Lauderhill, Florida in the USA.

The three ODIs will be played on July 22, 24 and 27 respectively at Port of Spain's (Trinidad & Tobago) iconic Queen's Park Oval and will be followed by five T20Is, two of which will be played at Florida's Fort Lauderhill.

The entire series will be live-streamed exclusively on FanCode.

The schedule:
ODIs: July 22, 24 and 27 (Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain). All ODIs start at 7 p.m. IST
T20Is: July 29 (Brian Lara Stadium, Port of Spain), Aug. 1 and 2 (Warner Park, St. Kitts & Nevis), Aug. 6 and 7 (Broward County Ground, Florida, USA). All T20Is begin at 8 p.m.

India gets easy draw in CWG

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Defending champion India should have an easy entry into the knockout stage of the badminton event of the Commonwealth Games as it has been drawn alongside Australia, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan in Group 1 of the mixed team competition.

The badminton competition at the quadrennial event, to held in Birmingham from July 29 to August 8, consists the mixed team event followed by the individual event.

Best-of-five matches

Each tie in the team event consists of best-of-five matches with men's and women's singles and three doubles –men's, women's and mixed.

Sixteen teams competing in the mixed event have been drawn into four groups with the top two nations progressing to the knockout stage.

The mixed team event final will be held on Aug. 2.

Potts all set for Lord's debut

Anderson, Broad return to face NZ in the first Test

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

James Anderson and Stuart Broad, the most prolific wicket-takers, will return to the team for the first match of the three-Test series against New Zealand starting on Thursday at Lord's.

There was also a new face alongside the two veterans in the bowling attack when the team was named on Wednesday, with Matthew Potts selected for his debut to complete the line-up of seamers.

The 39-year-old Anderson and 35-year-old Broad were dropped for the recent tour of the West Indies but return at the first time of asking under new captain Ben Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum.

That created space for Potts to fill, with the 23-year-old paceman picked ahead of Craig Overton.

Primed to deliver: Potts' county success has catapulted him into the Test team. • GETTY IMAGES

Domestic form has proved crucial to Potts' elevation – he has taken 35 wickets in his first six county matches for Durham this year.

"This is our time and we are going to dictate how things go, going forward," the all-rounder said. "There's nothing on this blank canvas yet. Everyone's starting fresh now, whether you are Matty Potts or whether you are James Anderson and Stuart Broad."

Jonny Bairstow was selected at No. 5, meaning in-form Yorkshire batter Harry Brook must wait for his Test debut.

England has won just one of its last 17 Tests.

Ganguly's 'new journey' tweet causes a flutter

Clarifies he has started an educational app

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Former India skipper Sourav Ganguly on Wednesday issued a cryptic tweet about his "new journey" that raised speculations about his continuation as BCCI president, prompting the board secretary Jay Shah to clarify that he has not resigned from his post.

"The rumours doing rounds about Mr. Sourav Ganguly stepping down from the post of BCCI president are factually incorrect," Shah said in a statement. Ganguly, in his tweet, said he is embarking on a new journey which turned out to be about launching an educational app.

"2022 marks the 30th year since the start of my journey with cricket in 1992. Since then, cricket has given me a lot. Most importantly, it has given me the support of all of you. I want to thank every single person who has been part of the journey...," he wrote.

Ganguly. • FILE PHOTO

Ganguly later clarified saying, "I have launched a new education app worldwide. It's an educational app launched worldwide. I was surprised (with the speculations). It was a simple tweet, there is no mention of resignation, nothing," he said.

Anand outwits Vachier for a winning start

SPORTS BUREAU

Viswanathan Anand produced a positional masterpiece to outwit Frenchman Maxime Lagrave-Vachier in 40 moves to make a winning start in the Norway Chess 2022 at Stavanger on Tuesday.

Wesley So was the only other winner of the day in the 10-player round-robin event after facing Teimour Radjabov.

Anand, playing white, gained the initiative against the Sicilian Defence after controlling the central squares. An advanced pawn down the middle ensured that Anand kept up the pressure. Vachier tried to defuse the tension by a series of exchanges but the neutralization did not help his cause.

Eventually, Anand's rook on the seventh rank forced Vachier's resignation after it became clear that the India's queenside passed pawn could prove a winner.

As per the tournament regulations, each win is worth three points. In case of a draw, an Armageddon game is played, where white begins with 10 minutes on the clock, to black's seven. In case of a draw, black is declared the winner. The winner of the Armageddon game gets 1.5 points.

Three boards ended as draws and decisive results in the Armageddon brought 1.5 points to Magnus Carlsen, Anish Giri and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov.

The results: First round: Viswanathan Anand bt Maxime Lagrave-Vachier (Fra); Wesley So (USA) bt Teimour Radjabov (Aze); Magnus Carlsen (Nor) drew with Wang Hao (Chn); (Armageddon: Carlsen); Anish Giri (Ned) drew with Veselin Topalov; (Armageddon: Anish); Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze) drew with Aryan Tari (Nor); (Armageddon: Mamedyarov).

Kiran reminds me of myself, says Dottin

The Indian slammed a 34-ball 69 in the Women's T20 Challenge in Pune recently

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

During the Women's World Cup in New Zealand recently, Courtney Walsh spoke of a West Indian cricketer who reminded him of his former teammate Viv Richards. The Windies coach said Deandra Dottin had the kind of never-say-die attitude and self-belief that the legend had.

Destructive

Like Richards, Dottin could also be destructive with the bat. She is in fact one of the hardest hitters in the women's game.

She scored the first hundred in the women's T20I in 2010 and it came off just 38 balls, in the opening match of the World T20 against South Africa at Basseterre.

The closest someone came was in 2019 when Australia's Alyssa Healy reached her 100 off 46 balls against Sri Lanka in 2019.

The 30-year-old West Indies all-rounder feels only two women could break her record – New Zealand's Sophie Devine or Kiran Navgire, the uncapped batter from Solapur who has become the newest sensation in women's cricket.

Kiran had slammed a 34-ball 69 at the Women's T20 Challenge in Pune recently, for Velocity against Trailblazers. Though she wasn't playing in that match, Dottin had watched it.

Starting with a six

"She kind of reminded me of myself," Dottin told *The Hindu*. "Her hitting the first ball she faced (outside of domestic cricket) for a six was special. You wouldn't find too many female cricketers getting off the mark with a six."

She said she had congratulated Kiran on her innings when she met her on the morning after.

"The best thing about her was that she didn't overplay her part," she said. She played to her strengths."

Dottin said the players like Kiran showcased India's bench strength. "This is the fourth edition of the Women's T20 Challenge and you could see a lot of improvement over the years.

"I found this edition more competitive than the last one (at Sharjah). It was good to see more runs and boundaries being scored this year and to see a score like 180 becoming a competitive one."

New sensation: Kiran Navgire has caught the attention of one and all with her aggressive play. • SPORTZPICS/IPL

LIVE TELECAST

French Open: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 2.30 p.m. onwards
England vs New Zealand: 1st Test, day 1, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3.30 p.m.
FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 p.m.
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

IN BRIEF

Players on Saudi golf series face action: PGA

WASHINGTON

Players joining a new Saudi-backed golf series will face disciplinary action, the PGA Tour said on Wednesday in the wake of Dustin Johnson's shock decision to join the new venture. AFP

Pleased as punch

Memento to cherish: World boxing championships gold medallist Nikhat Zareen, right, Parveen Hooda, left, and Manisha Moun presenting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a pair of autographed boxing gloves. • PTI

India bests Japan to clinch Asia Cup bronze

South Korea wins a record fifth crown

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The Indian men's hockey team produced a spirited performance to beat Japan 1-0 and clinch the bronze medal in the Asia Cup here on Wednesday.

South Korea clinched a record fifth title by beating Malaysia 2-1 in the summit clash.

After missing out of a place in the title clash on goal difference, following a 4-4 draw with South Korea on Tuesday, defending champion India came out with purpose and scored a field goal through Raj Kumar Pal as early as the sixth minute and then defended in numbers to seal the deal.

Counter-attack

India, which pushed hard in the first five minutes, broke the deadlock from a brisk counter-attack.

Uttam Singh did all the hardwork on the right flank to set it up for Rajkumar Pal, who neatly pushed it past the Japanese goalkeeper Takashi Yoshikawa.

The results: Final: South Korea 2 (Manjae Jung 17, Taeil Hwang 52) bt Malaysia 1 (Syed Cholan 25). **Third place:** India 1 (Raj Kumar Pal 6) bt Japan 0.

On target: Raj Kumar Pal, second from left, scored the match-winner on Wednesday. • PTI

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